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SVERRE BERG
KARSTEN LARSEN.
Hong Kong, 15th Oct., 1929.

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No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
19	152	333	547	676
33	156	352	569	722
75	160	356	572	734
102	178	380	578	755
106	195	382	584	761
121	209	438	590	762
128	240	478	601	764
145	259	485	607	788
147	305	487	611	792
148	330	496	675	798

Holders of drawn Debentures who desire to be paid on the 31st October, 1929, are requested to inform the Treasurers, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, on or before Wednesday, 30th October, 1929.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that Debentures numbered as above which are not cashed on the 31st October, 1929, will be paid on the 30th April, 1930, after which date they will cease to bear interest.

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18	6.21	5.56
19	6.21	5.55
20	6.21	5.54
21	6.22	5.54
22	6.22	5.53
23	6.23	5.52
24	6.24	5.52
25	6.24	5.51
26	6.25	5.50
27	6.25	5.50
28	6.26	5.49
29	6.26	5.49
30	6.26	5.48
31	6.27	5.47

**UNEMPLOYMENT IN
GERMANY
INSURANCE ACT
EXPERIENCE OF THE SCHEME
OF 1927**

RECENT MODIFICATIONS

The German Unemployment Insurance Act, which came into operation on October 1, 1927, at a time when employment was good in almost all branches of industry, is the subject of a report of the Federal Employment Exchange and Unemployment Insurance Board for the period from October 1, 1927, to December 31, 1928. (Reichsarbeitsblatt, No. 6, 1929 Berlin). This report, which is dealt with in the "Ministry of Labour Gazette" for August, points out that since the inauguration of the scheme, three factors have had an adverse effect on the development of the labour market: The industrial depression, which set in gradually, coupled with the extended application of rationalisation measures; an exceptionally high rate of unemployment, particularly during the severe winter of 1928-29, in those occupations where the degree of activity is influenced by seasonal considerations; and, finally, a large increase in the industrial population.

Standard Benefit

The financial organization of an employment insurance was based on actuarial calculations of an average monthly figure of 800,000 claimants to standard benefit, and, in addition, financial stability was to be ensured by the building up and maintenance of a reserve fund (Notstock) sufficient to pay benefit to 600,000 unemployed persons for a period of three months. It was anticipated that the necessary funds to meet all requirements could be derived from a maximum contribution rate of 3 per cent. of the workers' wages, half paid by the employers and half by the workers. These expectations have not, however, been realized, and the operation of the factors mentioned above (in particular, the severity of the winter of 1928-29, when the number of insured persons in receipt of unemployment benefit rose in February to over 2½ millions) has resulted in a serious deficit in the budget of the Federal Employment Board, the authority charged with the autonomous administration of the scheme.

Federal Assistance

As a result of this, the Federal Government, as provided under the Unemployment Insurance Act, had to assist the Board by the grant of loans out of Federal funds. These loans had, at March 31, 1929, amounted to approximately 250 million marks; but they reached a total of about 350 million marks before the current expenditure of the Board sank to the level of current income. The heavy and unexpected burden thrown on the national exchequer, and the realization that, even apart from the question of the repayment of any part of the loan, the Board would be unable to accumulate sufficient funds during the summer months to meet the anticipated unemployment during the forthcoming winter months, have occasioned widespread criticism of the scheme; and, in view of the seriousness of the financial situation, amending legislation is in active course of preparation.

It was early recognized that the financial stability of the Unemployment Insurance Scheme was seriously prejudiced by the large portion among the recipients of benefit of insured persons in occupations subject to recurrent seasonal unemployment, as distinct from those occupations in which the degree of activity was primarily determined by fluctuations in the general economic situation. Such contributors constituted an unsatisfactory risk in the respect that their unemployment at re-current intervals was to be anticipated, and that in general they represented a liability on the insurance funds.

Seasonal Benefit

It was with a view to meeting this situation that provision was made by the Act of December 24, 1928, for a special system of benefit for seasonal unemployment; whereby, for a certain period during which seasonal influences were regarded as operating, unemployed seasonal workers were taken out of the general scheme of unemployment insurance and granted benefit, the cost of which was borne only as to one-fifth out of the resources of the Federal Employment Board; the remaining four-fifths being a charge on Federal funds. The financial relief to the funds of the Board, which it was hoped would accrue from this measure was to a large extent nullified by the abnormal volume of seasonal unemployment resulting from the severity of the winter of 1928-29; and the Reich, which had contemplated an expenditure up to March 31, 1929, of some 28 million marks as its share of the financial burden of the special scheme, was required to provide 82 million marks.

Critical Situation

In face of the critical financial situation of the board, the acute and prolonged depression in the labour market had to be met by the general extension of emergency benefit under the Order of February 25, 1929. The emergency benefit is paid to unemployed workers who have exhausted their right to, or not qualified for, standard benefit. The costs of emergency benefit are borne as to four-fifths by the Reich and one-fifth by the local authorities. Accordingly, while the general extension did not impose any additional burden on the resources of the Unemployment Insurance Scheme proper, it occasioned further heavy disbursements by the Reich for the relief of unemployment. The period of validity of the above Order, which was originally fixed to expire on May 4, 1929, was subsequently prolonged to June 29, 1929, by an Order of the Minister of Labour dated May 3, 1929; and for administrative reasons, in order to facilitate the application of a later Order of June 29, 1929, was further extended to July 6, 1929.

Retrenchment Measure

The Order of June 29, in view of the general recovery of the labour market and out of consideration for the national exchequer, again restricted the field of application of the emergency benefit system to specified branches of industry in which employment was still bad, the chief classes of unemployed persons remaining eligible for emergency benefit being workers in the glass, metal, and engineering, leather, woodworking, and clothing industries, as well as theatrical and cinematograph performers and non-manual workers.

Trade Admitted

In addition, the presidents of the State Employment Offices were authorized, in so far as the need therefore exists, to admit workers in certain additional occupations, of which the following are the chief: Quarrying, brick and tile making, etc., textile industry, bookbinding, cardboard-box making, and kindred trades, food and tobacco trades, printing trade, as well as semi-skilled and unskilled factory workers who have been employed for at least twelve months in undertakings in which the bulk of the workers are engaged on work in the occupations specified above as eligible under the emergency benefit system. The presidents of the State Employment Offices are also given discretionary powers with regard to the admission of certain further limited classes and groups of workers.

Maximum Period

Moreover, under the new regulations, workers under 21 years of age are to be excluded from emergency benefit on the grounds that the labour market, particularly during the summer months, cannot be regarded as being unfavourable for such workers, and, further, that their exclusion cannot in general be regarded as constituting a hardship such as would arise in the case of the exclusion of older workers, who, in the majority of cases, have dependants to support. Similarly, as heretofore all workers in occupations recognized as being subject to seasonal unemployment are excluded for the period of seasonal unemployment.

Emergency Benefit

The period in respect of which emergency benefit is payable is again restricted to a maximum of 39 weeks in general, but may be extended to 52 weeks in the case of workers over 40 years of age. "If the situation of the labour market justifies it." Previously the extension of the benefit period to 52 weeks was permissible only in cases where its refusal would constitute a serious hardship for the worker. The new regulations were to be applied in such a way that workers in receipt of emergency benefit who were no longer eligible for the continued grant of such benefit would be excluded by easy stages, the old system definitely ceasing to operate on July 28, 1929. The period during which the present system is to remain in operation is not specified. "Financial News."

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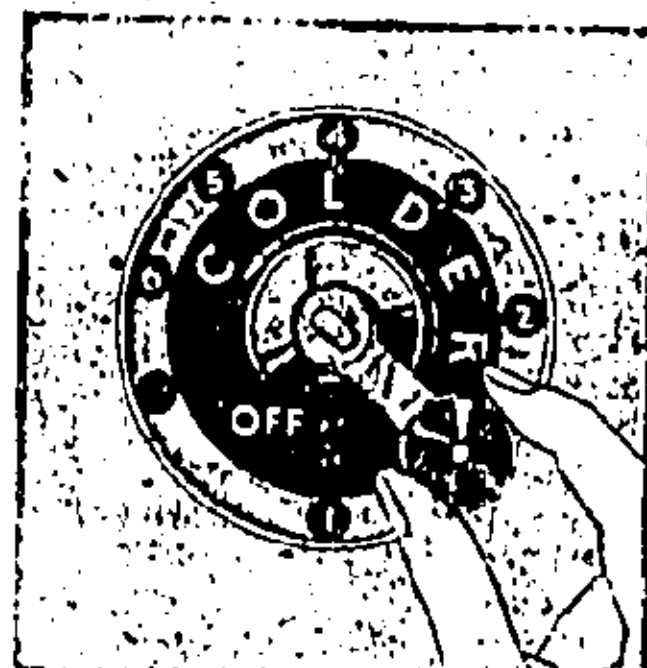
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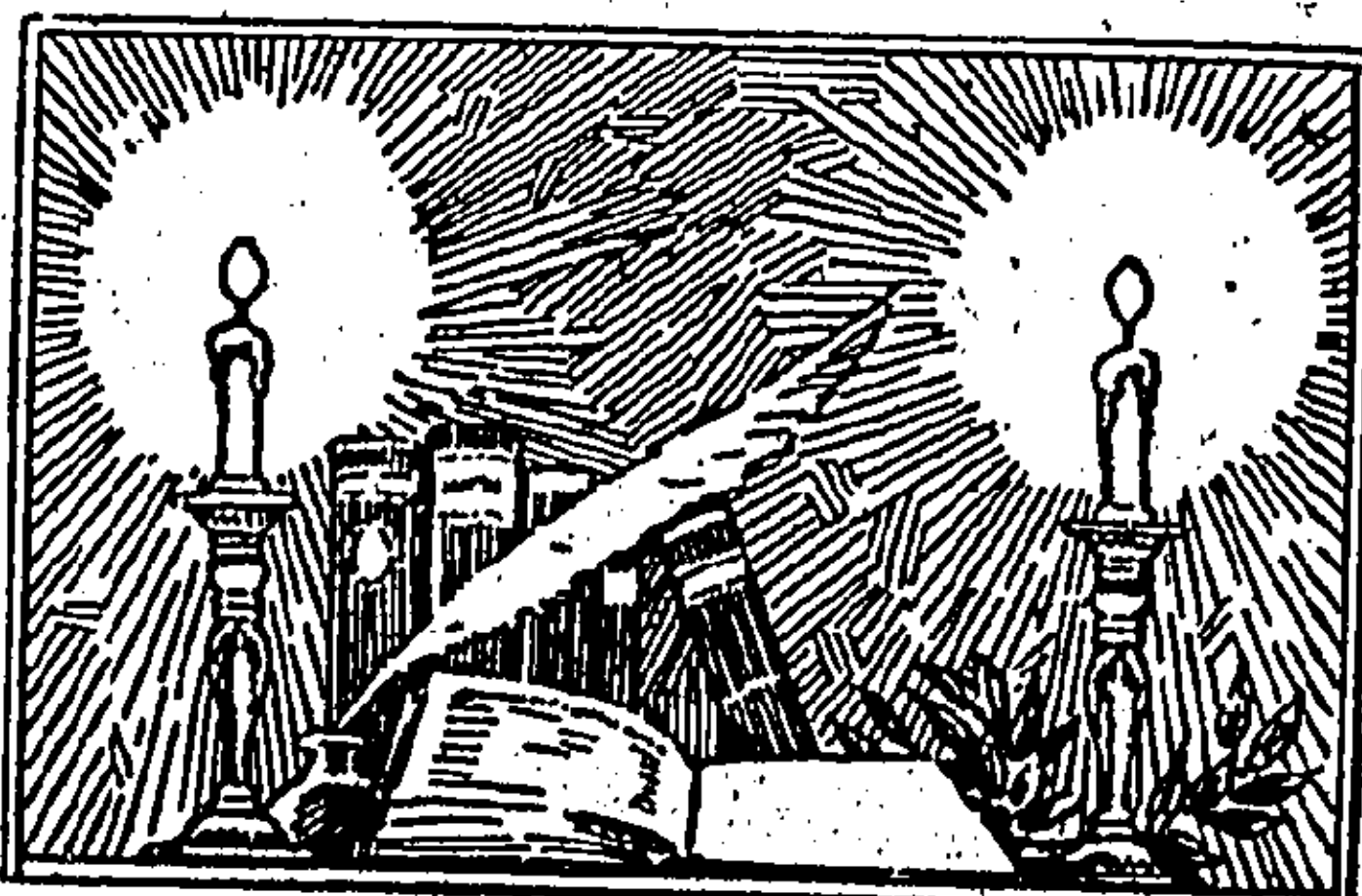
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TAKADA	10,000	26th Oct.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA	9,955	26th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	10,019	9th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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*ALIPORE	5,278	12th Nov.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,124	21st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MALWA	9,955	21st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALAWA	10,000	23rd Nov.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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One of the most important of the foreign interests that would be adversely affected by the premature abolition of extraterritoriality is shipping.

Of the 116,210,000 tons which entered and cleared Chinese ports in 1927, only some 20 per cent. was under the Chinese flag.

In addition to ocean-going shipping, foreign companies engage extensively in the coast and inland trade, of which some 67 per cent. is carried under foreign flags.

They do so under definite Treaty rights, though the places at which they may land and ship cargo are limited by Treaties and special regulations. It is to foreign enterprise that China owes the opening up of the Yangtze and West rivers to steam navigation.

And there have frequently been occasions during the turmoil of the past few years when none but foreign shipping, under adequate naval protection, could engage in the transportation of passengers and cargo on important inland routes. Chinese shipping companies have suffered enormous losses from the irresponsible commandeering of their vessels by rival militarists, and Government authorities.

A recent statement in the Chinese Press estimated the losses of one Company—the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company—from these causes alone, during the first six months of 1929, at 1,400,000 or more. For months on end up-river traffic beyond Hankow, has only been possible in foreign vessels under naval convoy.

Foreign pilots are almost exclusively used at the principal ports. Master Mariners who have qualified by years of seafaring, and by an arduous apprenticeship in the particular locality in which they operate.

Foreign Masters are in command of all the larger coasting vessels under the Chinese flag, and on the Upper Yangtze, foreign companies will take no insurance on vessels which are not under a qualified foreign captain.

The abolition of foreign coast and inland shipping rights within the current year, which is one of the avowed aims of the National Government, would not only immobilize hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping, and cause ruinous losses to its owners, but would completely paralyze communication between many coast and river ports in China, and involve reversion to the use of primitive craft like the junk for ocean and transport.

River Work
China has no merchant-marine or navigation laws. She has no training schools for deck officers or Marine engineers. And outside the Navy it may be doubted whether there are, today, a score of Chinese who could fulfil the requirements for a Master's or a Chief Engineer's Certificate.

Yet an agitation is now in progress, not only for the abolition of coast and inland shipping rights but for the replacement of all foreign pilots by Chinese. The most important group of pilots in China is that at Shanghai.

Here vessels of eighteen to twenty thousand tons not infrequently have to be brought through the Yangtze estuary, and up a crowded river, to the Shanghai wharves. It may be doubted whether there is a single Chinese who possesses the qualifications for this responsibility which would be required in any Western country.

For river work where navigation is based upon familiarity with the locality and landmarks, Chinese pilots are largely employed. But no foreign shipping company would feel justified in entrusting the piloting of large ocean-going steamers to unqualified Chinese.

The position of foreign officers and crews if they came under Chinese jurisdiction would become most precarious.

They would have no recognized laws to protect or guide them. Their craft, like Chinese vessels to-day, would be liable to be commandeered without proper legal authority or compensation, by any militarist or bandit who took a fancy to them. They would constantly be in danger of being victimized, as non-extraterritorial officers have been, by the presence of onium smugglers on their ships—an evil it is now almost impossible to control.

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Sandakan	YUENSANG	Tues., 22nd Oct. at 8 p.m.
Tientsin via Wei-hai-wei & Newchwang	HINSANG	Sat., 26th Oct. at Noon
Tientsin via Wei-hai-wei & Newchwang	MAUSANG	Mon., 4th Nov. at Noon
Tientsin via Wei-hai-wei & Newchwang	CHIESHANG	Sun., 20th Oct. at 10 a.m.
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They could not conceivably fulfil this difficult and dangerous task if their officers and crews are liable to arrest and trial by the Chinese authorities. There would be no alternative but the withdrawal of the foreign naval forces, with all that would involve in loss of prestige and security.

The day is, it is to be feared, still far distant when conditions in China will render the presence of foreign Navies in Chinese waters superfluous. And as long as their presence is necessary, the continued immunity of their personnel from Chinese jurisdiction is a *sine qua non*.

It took the Japanese some thirty or forty years of steady effort to train officers of their merchant marine to a point when they were considered competent to command their ocean-going steamers. And as recently as 1912, ten out of Japan's 32 licensed pilots were foreigners.

The abolition of coast and inland shipping rights virtually overnight, in China, must therefore be regarded as a vain dream.

If it could be achieved it would mean disaster for China, and the complete paralysis of many important industries. The means of transporting her products to the ports of export. The only practicable alternative—the purchase of all vessels now engaged in this trade, and their continued operation with foreign officers—would be impracticable for several reasons.

First of all a transaction of such magnitude could not at the present moment be financed.

Secondly, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to retain or obtain the services of sufficient competent officers and engineers, if they were placed under Chinese jurisdiction.

Thirdly, if one may judge from the experiences of the largest Chinese shipping concern, which is under official control, incompetent management and political and military interference would soon play havoc with the shipping, and involve the Government in ruinous losses.

Shipping Rights
It is amusing in view of the facts, to read that the Shanghai Chinese Shipowners' Association recently interviewed the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs who assured them that the Government was doing its utmost to bring about the recognition of China's shipping rights, and especially, the exclusion of Japanese shipping from China's coasts and rivers.

In reply to a question from the Minister whether there are "sufficient Chinese-owned ships to meet all demands in the event of China's shipping rights being taken back from the hands of the foreigners," the Shipowners' representatives stated that "the number of Chinese-owned ships was sufficient to meet all demands so far as the coast and inland rivers were concerned."

Furthermore, they said, with the rendition of China's shipping rights, they would reap large profits, with which it was proposed to build new and larger ships. Captain Hui-shan, the Coast Inspector, had only a short time previous to this interview submitted a Memorandum to the Inspector General of Customs dealing with Chinese shipping reforms.

He urged the establishment of Navigation Colleges at Shanghai, Canton, Tientsin and other places of importance, with foreign experts on the teaching staff, and adoption of up-to-date navigation laws, and definite qualifications.

tions for pilots, ship's officers and engineers.

He mentioned, incidentally that "China is now far behind other Powers so far as shipping is concerned," having only 573 Chinese-owned steamers plying along the coast and the rivers, and none engaged in the foreign trade with the exception of a few officers by foreigners and running between Chinese ports and Singapore.

The deterioration of China's railways has caused many districts to go back to the wheelbarrow and the cart for land transportation. Compliance with the demand for abolition of foreign shipping rights would mean going "back to the junk" for river and coast transport.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by the use of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Döberck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

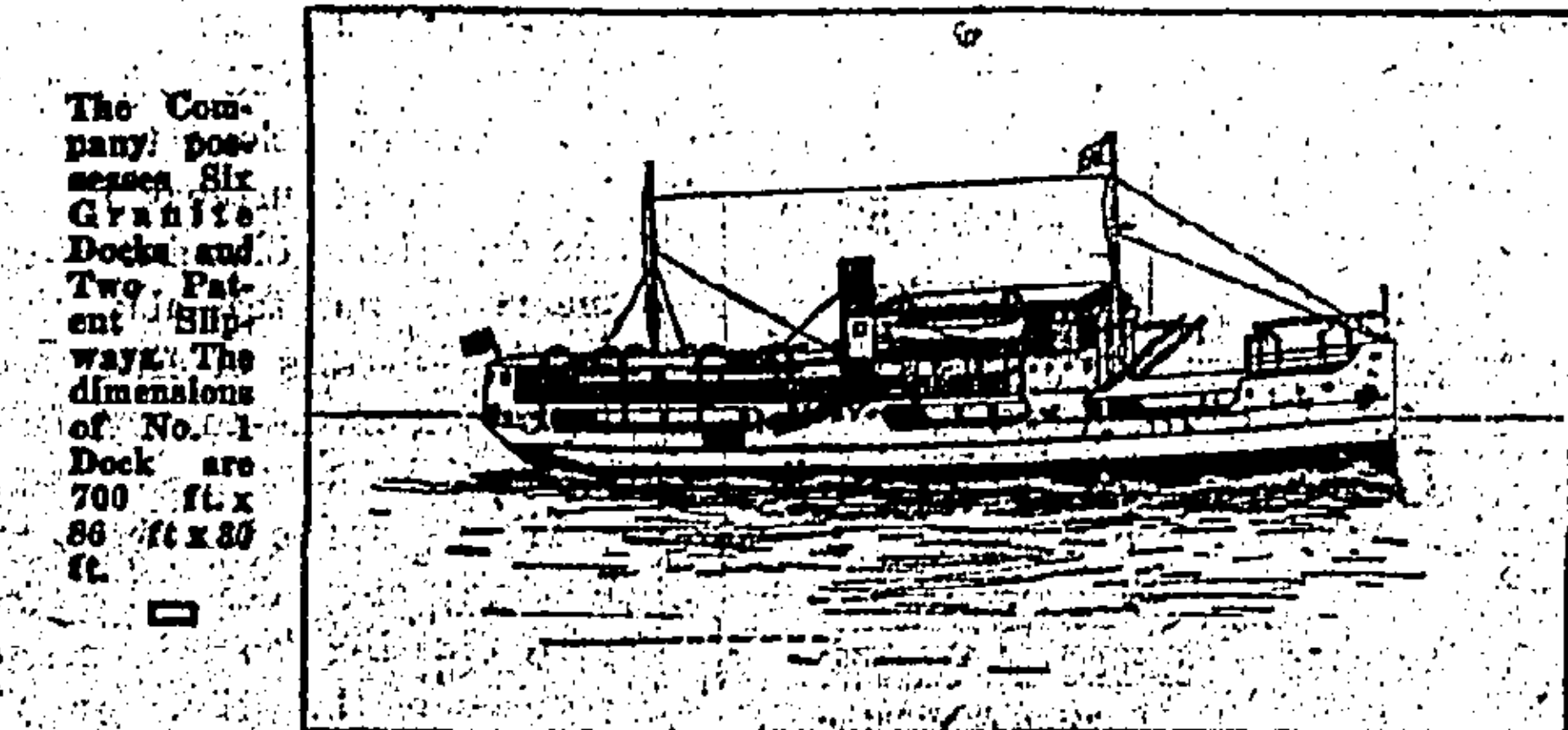
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October 18 to 24, 1929.					
DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER	DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
	Standard Times	He.		Standard Times	He.
October					
Fri. 18	9 58 a.m.	8.5	10 58 p.m.	2.6	
Sat. 19	9 38 a.m.	8.9	10 38 p.m.	2.4	
Sun. 20	9 18 a.m.	9.7	10 18 p.m.	2.0	
Mon. 21	8 58 a.m.	10.5	9 58 p.m.	1.6	
Tues. 22	8 38 a.m.	11.3	9 38 p.m.	1.2	
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THE DOLLAR

The news that the local Banks have agreed to the re-establishment of the currency of the Colony on a silver basis seems a natural sequence to the sudden drop of the dollar a few days ago to one shilling and ninepence.

It may be within the recollection of some readers that in 1897, in connection with a movement then made in Singapore for fixity of exchange, the Singapore Chamber of Commerce addressed the Hong Kong Chamber with the object of ascertaining its views on that question, and enquiring if any action in the same direction was contemplated by the Colony of Hong Kong.

The reply received was in effect, that situated as Hong Kong is on the borders of the greatest silver using country in the world, it would be impracticable for this Colony to attempt any change of currency, and that the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce did not feel able—linked as the interests of Hong Kong were with silver—to move in the matter.

There seems to have been great difference of opinion in the Singapore Chamber on this complex problem of the silver question, but here we feel none so far as the standard is concerned, as it is quite impracticable to effect a divorce from the currency of China, where our main trade lies, and with which we are in such proximity.

The situation which we have in these days to face is more accentuated than before, and we have now to consider whether, in

view of all the circumstances which have transpired of recent years, it is advisable to alter previous views, or to adhere to them.

This question seriously affects all in the Colony, with the exception possibly, of the Chinese, who may be affected in a lesser degree, or who may conceivably benefit to some extent from the cheaper silver, but that which we are chiefly concerned to consider is how any such proposed change as a resort to a silver basis, or other means of arriving at a fixity of exchange, is likely to affect the trade of the Colony as a whole, a question of the most complex nature, and one requiring the deepest insight of the most learned experts in such matters.

There is too great a disposition on the part of some writers in the public Press to ignore or to gloss over the serious difficulties in the way, and to propound measures which sound charmingly simple, but which would be totally unworkable in actual practice, whilst others give utterance to vague complaints that "something must be done," but at the same time suggest no remedy.

Naturally, we are all prone to look at things from our own personal point of view. If our dollars are to be demonetised, and the currency placed on a silver basis, there may be a fearful bill to meet in disposing of our demonetised currency notes, which is estimated at many millions—how many millions there are, some of our banking friends may be able to guess—and how this loss is to be met one cannot well conceive, nor do the complainants in public print venture to suggest; at all events, they are discreetly silent on the point. It is to be doubted very much whether the Government would foot such a bill. This is one of the "Lions in the path"—and a monster he is—which complainants should first show us their ideas about disposing of.

We should, no doubt, each of us like to see our dollars converted into a fixed sterling sum, possibly above to-day's parity, but the great question with which we are concerned is, would that benefit or ruin our trade as a whole? We seem, from the nature of things, inextricably bound up with China in the matter of trade and currency, and till the Republic has a fixed silver basis, it is difficult to see how we can take such a course.

The fact remains that, although such a currency would, no doubt, benefit many indi-

viduals here, the Colony, from its peculiar situation, would inevitably suffer, and heavily so, in its trade by adopting any other currency than that in which the foreign trade with China is conducted, and that, if a change be made, we shall see a gradual setting away from us of the tide to ports and places on the mainland with a gradual tendency to leave Hong Kong like a ship stranded on a reef with the tide gone down.

NEWS IN BRIEF

London, Yesterday.—The Japanese reply to Mr. Henderson's invitation will be published in London to-morrow.—Reuter.

Berlin, Yesterday.—Germany has ratified the Geneva Opium Agreement, which will come into force on November 13.—Reuter.

Yesterday two cases of diphtheria (one British and one Chinese) were notified, also one case of enteric fever (British).

A Chinese was fined \$2 or, in default four days' jail, with hard labour, for carrying pigwash in Cheung Street yesterday during prohibited hours.

One of the Colony's best-known and most able medical practitioners, in the person of Dr. G. E. Aubrey, has left Hong Kong for home by the s.s. "Glenshiel," accompanied by Mrs. Aubrey.

London, Yesterday.—The King has approved the appointment of Sir William Augustus Forbes Erskine, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Warsaw to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at that Capital.—British Wireless Service.

On Wednesday it was reported in the "China Mail" that a Chinese named Ip Piu (27), a foki of a cargo junk, accidentally fell overboard whilst working cargo alongside the s.s. "Helikon" and immediately disappeared. The Water Police have since recovered the body.

Canton, Yesterday.—Forestry, being regarded by the authorities as one of the important problems connected with the welfare of the people, was discussed at the eighth meeting of the Department of Public Reconstruction. A resolution was passed to add a Department of Forestry in the Chung Shan University.—Canton News Agency.

Sunday next, October 20, will be observed at the Cathedral as Hospital Sunday. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and the Commodore will attend the 11 a.m. Service, together with representatives from the various Hospitals and members of the Medical Profession. The collections will be given to Hospitals in the Diocese.

That it was a very peculiar case was the remark passed by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day when a Chinese woman was charged with being in the unlawful possession of four pieces of prepared opium. His Worship pointed out that the Government Analyst had not mentioned whether it was Government or non-Government opium, and therefore on that ground he would discharge the woman.

THE CHINESE FOOD VENDOR

The Chinese food vendor's a busy man
As out on the street he takes his stand,
With his pail of rice so piping hot
And tit-bits, too, of a varied sort,
Then, there's fish and meat and greens galore,
And something else, in case you don't know;
Good Chinese sauce to tickle the palate
When mixed with meats, or in a salad.

The Chinese food vendor is clever, too,
For he knows just what he has to do,
As with bowl and chopsticks he gets busy
To tempt the weary richsha coolie,
Or, anyone else, who'd care to partake
This dainty food for their hunger's sake;
And though I love this food vendor to see
His bill of fare would never suit me!

The Chinese food vendor is quite a good chef,
For he can make use of whatever's left,
Of meats, fish or greens from the day before,
But dished up so as you'd never know;
Then, when your appetite is well appeased,
He's careful that you pay down your fees,
Or as sure as the sun doth rise and set,
Some pain for your feasting you will get!

The Chinese food vendor's a happy man,
As he gathers up his pots and pans;
For business for him to-day has been good—
Though in the street he long hours stood
Yet, money now in his pockets he's got,
Content, 'tis true, but they figure a lot
So home he trudges for a smoke and rest,
To slumber and dream of all that's best.

CORRESPONDENCE

S.P.C.A. — A SUGGESTION

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir,—Now that the S.P.C.A. is making a campaign for funds in order to carry on its good work, I think a suggestion would not come amiss.

We who are living in this civilised century cannot fail to realise that we have a duty to perform toward dumb animals, and while there may be many of us who are deeply sympathetic with the aims of the Society, we are unable to show our sympathy in any concrete form. I, for one, want to help, but unfortunately my financial resources will not permit me, but I think there are other ways in which men similarly placed could be of great assistance to the Society.

I understand that the Society has two paid inspectors, who are unable to cope with the work. The Society would have engaged more men for the work if they had the funds to do so. Now, why can't the Society accept the services of voluntary inspectors. Surely there are many of us who can help in this direction. In our journeys to and from our places of work, and in our Sunday rambles, we can keep an eye open for any cruelty to animals, and if we are empowered by the Society, we could make arrests if the occasion justified it.

I hope the Society will think this over, and if it wants volunteer workers, it can advertise for such through the medium of the Press.

Yours, etc.,
ANIMAL LOVER.

Hong Kong, Oct. 17.

BROADCASTING

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir,—Regarding the letters published about broadcasting in Hong Kong, the writers must remember that the world was not built in a day. I would like to suggest that the Broadcasting Committee have a machine on short wave built and relay the Armistice Day celebrations. It would be a good thing for trade if one of the firms in Hong Kong were to lend such a machine, the name of the firm to be advertised. I myself have a short wave set, but I have my doubts about it at six o'clock in the evening.

Yours, etc.,
AN OUTROSTER.

Holhow, Oct. 14.

Depriving a Chinese who had just returned from Siam of \$2 from his pocket at Public Square Street last night cost an unemployed Chinese one month's jail at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day. His Worship told complainant that it was stupid of him to have his money in an outside pocket!

Two Chinese were at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day charged with being in the unlawful possession of 2.4 taels of non-Government prepared opium at 48, Pei Ho Street, Shamshuipo. First accused was fined \$190, or three weeks' hard labour. The second, who was a smoker, was discharged.

Three cases dealing with cruelty to chickens and a duck were mentioned before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day. A woman, charged with carrying two chickens by their wings, was fined \$5. A second woman was fined \$7 for putting two chickens and one duck in a crate that was too small.

Before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy, this morning, three Chinese women were charged with disorderly conduct by fighting in Elgin Street. In discharging them, with a caution, the Magistrate said: "Don't do it again. The next time you come up for street fighting you will go to prison."

WEDDING BELLS

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A POPULAR COUPLE

A pretty wedding took place this afternoon at the Church of Christ in China, Bonham-road, when Miss Lily Chan, eldest daughter of Mrs. Chan Wah-shui, of 8, Wyndham-street, became the bride of Dr. Joseph Young Sieux, Professor of the Lingnam University, Canton.

The Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling officiated, and there was a large attendance of the relatives and friends of the popular couple. Miss Nellie Chan (the bride's sister) was the Maid of Honour, whilst Miss Yung Kit-chun and Master Chan Yuk-ling were also in attendance as flower girl and page, respectively.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Chan Mang-bik, whilst the duties of the best man were carried out by Dr. T. S. Su. Messrs. Leung Kwoon-wai and Chan Yuk-lum were the groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Tai Tung restaurant where the usual toast to the happy couple was enthusiastically honoured by a large gathering of well-wishers.

Later Dr. and Mrs. Sieux left for Macao where the honeymoon will be spent.

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PUBLIC ROUP

RACE PONIES AUCTIONED
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Several race ponies were auctioned yesterday at the public roup at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Stables. Bidding was not very brisk and the highest bid was made for Dark Eyes, but it was withdrawn from the sale when bidding reached \$300. The lowest price paid during the sale was \$25 for Tornado.

List of Ponies
The full list of ponies sold follows:
Name. Price. Purchaser.
Aristophanes \$235 Mr. G. Davidson
Bowden \$30 Mr. Chan Sam
Dark Eyes \$300 Owner
Lightning \$125 Mr. Patten
Rummy \$200 L. Richardson
Six Hundred \$110 Dr. Anderson
Soprano \$160 Col. Bird
Tornado \$25 Mr. C. Urille
U Un II \$150 Mr. A. H. Potts

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Among the most precious relics of early Papal days are the autograph Pontifical diplomas written on papyrus and termed "originalia." Nearly four thousand Pontifical letters written before the year 1000 have come down to us, but of autograph specimens there are only thirty of which three are preserved in Italy, two in Germany, ten in Spain, and the rest in France. They are of great importance for a knowledge of the usages of the Papal Chancery of the period, and are the only documents from which the style of late Latin writing, its grammar, syntax, and punctuation can be safely deduced. These papyri, just because of their rarity and dispersal in different countries, have hitherto been little known even to students of Vatican diplomacy, all the more so as their condition was such that they could only be studied or copied with the greatest difficulty. Moths had attacked the papyrus, the sun had faded the handwriting, while the fragmentary pieces had been patched together at one time or another by unskilled hands, to the detriment of all understanding.

The task of restoration, so urgently needed, has been undertaken by the present Pope. All the diplomas in Italy, Spain, and Germany (the ones in France will be dealt with separately) have been collected at the Vatican, where they are being restored by Dr. Hugo Ibscher, the Berlin expert, and then placed between thin glass plates to preserve them from damp, insects, and the touch of the human hand, while at the same time leaving the writing clearly visible. Each papyrus has been reproduced in photo type and copied by specialised students.

The diplomas treated by Dr. Ibscher number fifteen, divided, owing to their large size, into forty-three plates, each measuring 25 in. by 35 in. The earliest papyrus is the Privilege granted to the diocese of Ravenna by Paschal I. in 819; the latest in the Privilege granted to the diocese of Hildesheim by Benedict VIII. in 1022. One of the most important is the diploma granted to Arnolf, Bishop of Avignon, by Pope Gregory V. on May 9, 988. Among the other signatures is that of the Emperor Otto III. in these words: "Ego Otto Dei gratia Roman, Imperator."

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TRAINING CAMPS

Orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, comprise the following:

All ranks are reminded that the annual training camps will take place this year at Fanling during the following week-ends:

Friday p.m., November 15 till Sunday p.m., November 17.
Friday p.m., November 22 till Sunday p.m., November 24.
Friday p.m., November 29 till Sunday p.m., December 1.
Friday p.m., December 6 till Sunday p.m., December 8.

Full details will be much the same as last year will be published later.

The week-ends during which units have expressed their intention of concentrating are:—
1st week-end—M. G. Troop Band, Portuguese Co. and A. Car Co.
2nd week-end—M. G. Co., Scottish Co. Band and Portuguese Co.
3rd week-end—M. G. Co. and A. Car Co.

4th week-end—M. G. Troop, Corps Signals and Scottish Co.
The Battery will attend the R.A. Practice Camp at Tai Lam during the week-ends December 14-15 and 21-22.

Musketry

The Battery and Corps Signals will fire Table T. Rifle Part 2 at Stonecutters Range on Sunday. Range Officer 2/Lieut. J. H. Bottomley. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress:—(Musketry Order) Uniform or multi optional.

Officers' Mess Meeting
Will take place at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. to-day. All officers are required to attend.

Attention is drawn to Officers' Mess Rules, No. 7.

Training Conference
A conference of all O.S. C. Units armed with the Machine Gun will follow the Mess Meeting to-day.

The Band will parade in multi at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Battery
Parade for Gun Drill at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. Friday, October 25. All ranks who have not fired Part 2 Musketry this season must do so on Sunday. Launch leaves Murray Pier 9 a.m. Kowloon 9.10 a.m. Dress optional but Rifle, Bayonet and Bandolier must be brought.

Engineer Company
Team shoot with R.E. at Peak Range at 10 a.m. on Sunday. All members selected for the team are requested to attend without fail.

Dress:—Multi, rifles will be drawn on Saturday morning.

Thyrd Day—Parade at Wellington Barracks (Behind Garrison Sergeant's Mess) at 5.30 p.m. for instruction in defence lights.

Dress:—Multi.

Corps Signals
Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, for Signal Training. Witness Section for Mast Drill. Visual Section for Flag Drill. Dress:—Multi.

Recruits parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, for Musketry instruction. Dress:—Multi.

Musketry, Table T. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday. This is the last opportunity for firing Part 2. All ranks who have not fired Part 2 this season should attend. For details and times of launches see para above.

Attention is drawn to the amendment of the dates for Camp. The Corps Signals will attend from Wednesday evening, December 4, to Sunday afternoon, December 8. All ranks are requested to arrange to attend on these days.

Machine Gun Troop
Parade at the Riding School at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Armoured Car Company
Car Section:—Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. to-day for Driving Instruction.

Motor Cycle Section:—Friday, October 25.
All ranks will parade at Volunteer Headquarters with Motor Cycles at 5.30 p.m. for instructional ride. Sidecar outfits will be in charge of Ptes. Groom, Walkshaw. Dress:—Multi.

Machine Gun Company
Parade in multi at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday. Those detailed by Platoon Commanders will proceed to Kennedy Road Range under 2/Lieut. D. M. Richards by Ford Truck.

M. G. Table T. Part 2. The Company will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, October 27. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m. Range Officer Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes.

Company Dinner will be held at Corps H.Q. on Friday, November 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets are obtainable from Platoon Commanders on parade nights. Price \$1 only. All ranks are asked to make an effort to be present to ensure a successful evening.

Scottish Company
The Company will attend Camp during the second and last week-ends, leaving Friday, November 22, to p.m. Sunday, November 24, and p.m. Friday, December 6, to p.m. Sunday, December 8.

Parades Thursday, October 24.

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"THE DUKE STEPS OUT" AT THE QUEEN'S

COLLEGE PEP

Life in an American college, but on the bright side, is the whole axis on which the M.G.M. film "The Duke Steps Out," showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow, revolves.

The popular comedian, William Haines, shines in the leading role as the student son of a millionaire, while beautiful Joan Crawford figures as the pride of Sierra University. There is no need to introduce Haines' antics and frolics of the screen, as in this film there is plenty of "college pep" in it, throughout.

We see Haines as the middle-weight champion boxer, and the fight that he has with another tough "un in the ring is exceptionally well evinced by Mr. James Cruze, the famous director of many other college debuts. Karl Dane and Eddie Nugent help to make the film fast and lively with some good acting.

The director is to be congratulated on the success of the film—as everyone will admit is enjoyable.

As Haines' trainer Tenen Holtz is a scream. Actual scenes in which thousands of college students (as extras) participate are depicted most vividly. Fox News and a Charley Chase comedy complete the programme.

WARWICK COMPANY

GOOD RECEPTION FOR "AIRY NOTHINGS"

SOME NEW STORIES

The Warwick Revue Company added to their laurels last night by a second performance of "Airy Nothings" which was enthusiastically received.

Selywn Driver told some very amusing new stories. Enid Nicolson acted and sang as delightfully as ever, and Barbara Weale and her partner, Guy Lathom, received tremendous applause for their wonderful tango, which they danced with infinite charm and with a passionate and sinuous grace!

The lady in her Spanish yellow and red made a lovely and alluring figure, and at the climax, when she is whirled round, and carried off on her partner's shoulder, the audience broke into a storm of applause and recalled the dancers again and again!

The Warwick Company should be pretty certain of full houses for their last two nights when a popular pot-pourri will be given.

No. 5 Platoon at Taikoo Dock under Sergt. Watson. Machine Gun instruction.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. Geo. Duncan, M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at H.Q. 5.30 p.m. under Lieut. H. R. Forsyth. Machine Gun instruction.

Machine Gun Table T. Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons are reminded that this practice will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, November 3.

Hallowe'en Reunion Dinner, October 31. Names of those intending to participate together with names of guests should be sent as soon as possible to L/Cpl. A. N. Braude, c/o Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd. All ranks and ex-members of the Company are asked to make every effort to be present.

Portuguese Company
Chevrons:—Attention of all N.C.O.'s is called to the matter of chevrons for shirts. All N.C.O.'s will immediately have chevrons sewn on their service shirts.

Musketry:—All ranks are reminded that when firing either on Stonecutters or Peak Ranges, will in future fire with their own rifles as issued and equipment (i.e. belt and pouches).

Parades:—The Company will parade for training as under, on Friday, October 25 at 5.30 p.m. Recruits at Miniature Range for Musketry. Dress optional, Rifle and Bayonet, and Belt. Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 Platoons at Headquarters for Company Commanders Parade.

Everyone is expected to attend this parade. Dress:—Optional. Belt, Pouches, Rifle and Bayonet.

Strength
The following recruits have been taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1510 Pte. A. M. Pereira, No. 10 Platoon as from 11.10.29.

No. 1511 Pte. G. E. Ferguson, M. G. Troop as from 15.10.29.

Struck Off the Strength
Having left the Colony, as from 12.10.29, No. 897 Pte. J. L. Adams, Reserve Company.

On Medical ground, as from 8.10.29, No. 1106 Pte. E. F. Brown, No. 11 Platoon.

Leave
No. 202 Sergeant J. M. Jack, The Battery, granted extension until 6.12.29.

Promotion
No. 1158 Sgm. A. McGrann, Corps Signals, to be Lance-Corporal.

R.A. Wolfe-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

"MERRIE" ENGLAND

INTERESTING DEBATE AT Y.M.C.A. LAST NIGHT

ENGLAND IN THE XVI CENTURY

The programme of debates for the winter opened at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last night, when the motion under discussion was "That the Days of 'Merrie England' were happier than the present."

The Rev. J. Horace Johnson presided and welcomed three newcomers to local debates among the four principal speakers.

The subject had been debated before but it was a good one in that it necessitated checking up on facts, historical and otherwise, with a view to discovering whether there were things in the past worthy of emulation and also whether we were missing advantages not yet realised.

The word "Merrie"
Mr. C. Carruthers, in opening for the affirmative, traced the derivation of the word "Merrie," showing that its original meaning was "pleasant" or "agreeable." In other words, in the opinion of foreign people of those days, England was a pleasant or agreeable place to live in.

Going through English history he did not think it was possible to find any time which compared so far as the happiness of the people of England were concerned, with Elizabethan times.

England in the time of Elizabeth, was contented, trade was flourishing and agriculture was prosperous. Queen Bess was beloved by the people and to have been beloved of the people she must have been well disposed to them and the laws must have been such that their lot was improved.

Standards of Comfort
In comparing our age with the Elizabethan age one could not judge the happiness of the people by the standards of comfort possessed now as compared with the comforts or lack of comforts existing then.

One must attempt to look at things through Elizabethan spectacles. So many of the things which we regard as essential would have been a source of embarrassment to the Elizabethans.

What one had to judge was whether in the things that really mattered the people were better off in those days.

From the literature of the day one gathered that there was something joyous and carefree which was lacking in our life to-day.

People sang and danced in the ordinary course of events—they had much less to worry about.

How did that compare with modern—for want of a better word he would term it "decorum"—which was somewhat akin to sturdiness and which led to that fixed look almost of gloom to be observed on the faces of those on the streets of England to-day.

Too Sophisticated
In conclusion, Mr. Carruthers quoted from Elizabethan literature in support of his argument. The joyousness of the literature and drama of those times was of a purer variety than that of the present. The man to-day who produced a play like "Mid-Summer's Night Dream" would lose money on it. It was not sophisticated enough to put it mildly, for the present age.

Finally, the Englishman of those days had a pride in his country and a faith in its future which was lacking to-day. In opening for the negative, Mr. T. J. Price queried the restriction of the period under discussion to the days of Elizabeth and said that it was easy to pick a period round which it was possible to cast a false glamour.

Without going very many years from the times of Elizabeth one might point to the religious persecution and insecurity of life during the reign of "Bloody Mary." Persecution in religious matters was by no means absent even in the reign of Elizabeth herself.

Enchantment to the View
Referring to the glamour distance lent to events, Mr. Price quoted the case of the prosperous "Old Boy" returning to School on Prize Day and regarding his juvenile hearers with hackneyed phrases about his school-days being the happiest of his life. He was often a man who haunted the tuckshop as a boy and evaded his duties; time and distance had glossed over the times he was booted for failing to turn up for cricket practice, missing "prep," etc., and he only sentimentalised on the memories which were pleasant.

It was this attitude which was responsible for the general delusion under which people suffered in considering the past. The school was never the same as it had been, England was never so good as it had been—it was always going to the dogs, and yet somehow it survived.

The growth of sanitation, the spread of education and the benefits of medical science applied to all, the growth of leisure and the greater diffusion of the joys of literature, the provision of security under the unexcelled system of the administration of English law—all these things were forgotten when people sentimentalised on the glories of the past.

If the people of so-called "Merrie England" were contented (using the term in its narrowest sense), it was because they had nothing to look forward to.

Like the man in "Pilgrim's Progress," they were contented with their muck-raking because they did not lift up their eyes and see what was to be obtained by striving onwards.

The man to-day might not be contented. Contentment was often a sign of stagnation, but he often got more true happiness out of his failures because he knew he was striving for higher things and had a chance to attain them than that he never did in his time when if a man was born in a trade he stopped in a trade and if he was born in a class he stopped in that class.

Lack of Sanitation
In support of his arguments, Mr. Carruthers compared the insecurity of life, lack of sanitation, despotic oppression and absence of freedom of movement, not to mention freedom of thought and expression, conditions at the present day.

After discussion from the body of the hall, the motion was put to the vote. Several abstained from voting (there were 30 present) and the motion was defeated by twelve votes to eleven.

The subject for the debate next month was announced in the form of the following resolution: "That Club members should have a detrimental effect on the men of this Colony."

TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W.

ON 350 METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres:—

5.00-6.00 p.m.—Programme of Chinese Music (Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Tack Shing Co.).

6.00-7.00 p.m.—Programme of English Music (Victor & H.M.V. Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie Co.).

"Raymond" (Thomas), Overture, Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Love, Could I Only Tell Thee", "So We'll Go No More A-Roving", "Heart Wounds" (Grieg), "Burlesca" (Boas).

The Philadelphia Chamber "String Simphonetta", "Beautiful Ohio", Duet, "Dear Little Boy of Mine", Contralto, "Elsie Baker."

(a) Fire Down Below, (b) Haul Away, (c) What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor, Baritone, "I Lift My Finger and I Say 'Tweet, Tweet'."

"She's Funny That Way", Comedienne, "Gracie Fields", "Londonderry Air", "Chelsea Fats", Organ Solo, Reginald Goss-Custard, F.R.C.O.

"Little Log Cabin of Dreams", "Why Does Caravan Has Rested", "Why Does the Hyena Laugh", "Ramona" (Wayne), Comedienne, "Lilly Dale", "The Hazel Dell", "The Laughing Jazz Band", "Popular Jocular Dr. Brown", Humorous, Talkies, by Charles Penrose.

"Minstrel Show of 1929", Victor Minstrels.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

For the benefit of listeners tuning in there will be a transmission from 8.55 p.m. to 9 p.m.

9.00 p.m.—Evening General Programme (Studio Concert).

Professor R. K. Simpson, M.A., M.C., will lecture on "Recent Biographies".

9.15 p.m. The New Melodians Dance Band of H.M.S. "Titanic" will play Selections from their repertoire.

9.25 p.m. Mr. L. A. Jeeves will entertain "My Word! You Do Look Queer" Accompanist:—Mrs. L. A. Barton.

9.35 p.m. Victor Records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Ltd. (a) Songs My Mother Taught Me" (Dvorak).

(b) Since First I Met Thee" (Rubinstein), Rosa Ponselle (Soprano).

9.40 p.m. G. McLeod (Tenor) will sing "The Kirkcubbin Lass" (Scottish), "Gin I Were a Baron's Heir" (Holder).

Accompanist:—Mrs. L. A. Barton.

9.48 p.m. The New Melodians Dance Band of H.M.S. "Titanic" will play Selections from their repertoire.

9.58 p.m. Major Tuke & Lieut. Masson, R.A., will entertain.

10.08 p.m. H.M.V. Records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Ltd. (a) La Campanella" (Paganini-Liszt).

(b) Staccato Etude" (Rubinstein), Piano Solo... Mischa Levitzki.

10.18 p.m. Mr. L. A. Jeeves will entertain: "Germs" (from Fun of the Fair).

10.28 p.m. Mr. G. McLeod (Tenor) will sing "The Tideless Sea" (Bowen). Accompanist:—Mrs. L. A. Barton.

10.38 p.m. The New Melodians Dance Band of H.M.S. "Titanic" will play Selections from their repertoire.

10.45 p.m. approx.—Close Down.

class with no hope of rising above it.

True Happiness
Mr. W. A. Simpson seconded Mr. Carruthers and introduced a vein of humor, querying the capacity of modern inventions for bringing true happiness and whether progress by itself necessarily a sign of happiness. The more we progressed, the further we wished to go, and that sense of striving was hardly likely to lead to happiness.

Mr. H. H. Fantham seconded Mr. Price and as a nautical man spoke with authority when he compared the sailing ships of fiction with the stark reality of life on the ocean wave. So too it was with the fiction concerning the days of so-called "Merrie England." In perspective, they might appear attractive, but in reality they could not have been.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 8th November, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents. Hong Kong, 17th October, 1929.

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GIRL AND OPIUM CHARGE

When a case in which a 12-year-old Chinese girl was charged with the unlawful possession of a small quantity of opium worth \$2.40 was called before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, the defendant, who was on bail of \$50, failed to appear, and in ordering the bail money to be estrated, his Worship remarked that the girl was "rather foolish" as she would have been fined only \$24 (ten times the value of the opium).

Owing to the absence of the girl, a charge of aiding and abetting her, which was brought against a man, was withdrawn by Police Sub-Inspector Hoare.

According to the Inspector, the prosecution alleged that the man had "instructed" the girl to carry the opium, and in the girl's absence they could not proceed against the man.

The Officer also suggested that there were possibly good reasons for this girl's absence. The Magistrate ordered the man's discharge.



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Sports take a very prominent place. In the realm of lawn bowls, the Shanghai Interport visit has concluded and other important local matches have been played; flat racing has been resumed under new circumstances; surprises have come thus early in the soccer season; competition is keen for the forthcoming triangular cricket tournament with Shanghai and Malaya. All this is "covered" by the "Overland," the only weekly news budget published in Hong Kong carrying pictures.

"Social and personal" events deserve much attention, with the passing away of respected residents, a number of weddings and announcements of more to follow during "the Hong Kong season."

"Double Ten Day" (the anniversary of the Republic of China) was celebrated in Hong Kong in a manner befitting the first time of making it a public holiday. Read about it in the "Overland."

On the West River delta, because of political developments, pirates have ventured out again. In connection with them, exciting narratives are printed in the "Overland."

Mention of politics brings to mind the fact that three "wars" are being waged in China at the moment: in Manchuria, v. the Soviet; in the South, the Ironsides on their forlorn hope; and in North China, the flinging down of the gauntlet by the "Christian General's" men in defiance of the Central authorities. What is happening is both recorded and described (for the benefit of the foreigner) in the "Overland China Mail." Be certain you get your copy and post it in time. Or leave an order with the "Overland" office.

Letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony or folks at Home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and China news every week by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail."

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(Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	128	...	...	...
Chartered Bank	19 1/4	...	...	...	45	21.15-18.6.3	7 1/2 Int. 1929
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	...	...	...	30 1/4	112.10	34 1/4-30	8 1/2 Int. 1929
Do., C.	...	...	...	25 1/4	...	25 1/4-23 1/4	8 Int. 1929
Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	90 1/4	\$100	100-67	8 Int. 1928
INSURANCES.							
Canton Ins.	690	...	...	...	\$100	720-500	40 Int. 1928
Union Ins.	...	...	...	...	44	500-207	4 Int. 1928
North China Ins.	160	...	...	380	115	1160-150	20 1/2 Int. 1928
Yangtze Ins.	...	...	...	...	50	50-33	M. \$3.50 Int. 1928
China Underwriters	2 1/2	...	...	...	\$3	2.40-1.75	...
China Fire Ins.	810	...	...	...	\$20	310-204	18 Int. 1928
H. K. Fire Ins.	815	...	...	...	\$50	825-66 1/4	43 Int. 1927
SHIPPING.							
Douglas	...	...	...	27 1/4	\$50	43-27 1/4	4 Int. 1924
H. K. Steamships	27	...	...	...	\$15	18-23 1/4	1 Int. 1928
Indo-China (Pref.)	41	...	...	...	45	52 1/2-30	121 Int. 1925
(Def.)	...	...	...	70	45	5100-40	...
Shell Transport	...	...	...	100	118 1/2	118 1/2-84	54 Int. 1928
Union Waterboats	...	...	...	32	87	24 1/4-27	1.50 Int. 1928
MINING.							
Benguet	3 1/4	...	...	...	Po. 10	\$3.50-1 1/4	0.25 Int. 1929
Kailan Mining Ad.	57 1/2	...	...	...	Gr. 10	18 1/4-9 1/4	2 1/2 Int. 1929
Langkai (Comb.)	...	...	...	16 1/4	...	...	...
(Single)	...	...	...	19	...	...	...
S'hai Explorations	...	...	...	2 1/4	...	4.10-2.40	To. 50 Int. 1927
Loans	...	...	...	5 1/2	...	8.75-4 1/4	T. 75 Int. 1926
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	...	...	9 1/2	...	80.00-3 1/4	24, 6d. Int. 1929
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves	147 1/4	...	147 1/4-148	32 1/4	\$50	147-120	8 Int. 1928
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	...	...	\$50	8 1/4-3 1/4	4 Int. 1924
China Providents	5 1/4	...	5.70 1/4	...	\$5	6.60-3.90	1.20 Int. 1924
Hongkew	190	...	...	...	\$100	\$100-75	T. 3 Int. 1929
N. Engineering	...	...	...	8 1/4	...	8.50-4.60	0.40 Int. 1928
Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	14 1/4	...	145-69 1/4	7 1/2 Int. 1929
COTTON MILLS.							
Ewo Cottons	...	...	...	...	T. 5	33.10-7	To. 40 Int. 1929
S'hai Cottons (old)	...	...	...	94	T. 50	104-45	4 1/2 Int. 1929
(new)	...	...	...	65	T. 5	76-22 1/4	4 1/2 Int. 1929
Zong Sing	...	...	...	12.80	T. 10	13-5	6 1/2 Int. 1928
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
H. & S. Hotels	10 1/4	...	10.30 1/4	...	\$10	10.65-7 1/4	1.20 Int. 1924
H. K. Lands	6 1/4	...	...	...	\$25	68 1/4-59	1 Int. 1929
Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	160	...	160-124	T. 3 Int. 1929
Humphreys	14.60	...	...	...	\$10	15 1/4-3	1 Int. 1928
H. K. Realities	9 1/4	...	8 1/4	...	\$10	9.35-7 1/4	0.30 Int. 1929
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 Int. 1928
PUBLIC UTILITIES.							
H. K. Tramways	19.40	19.60	19 1/4	...	\$5	27 1/4-18	0.50 Int. 1929
Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...	11.80	\$19	14-11.80	10 1/2 Int. 1929
(new)	...	...	...	6.05	\$5	9-6.05	10 1/2 Int. 1929
Sar Ferry	7 1/4	...	7 1/4	...	\$18	74 1/4-58	3.50 Int. 1928
Ch. Lights (old)	14.20	...	14 1/4-85	...	\$5	14.20-9 1/4	5 1/2 Int. 1929
(new)	14 1/4	...	...	...	\$5	14.00-9 1/4	5 1/2 Int. 1929
H. K. Electric	6 1/4	...	6 1/4-65 1/4	...	\$10	65-47 1/4	2.50 Int. 1928
Macao	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...	\$3.50	7.80-3.08	4 1/2 Int. 1929
Telephones	8.13	...	8 1/4	...	...	...	...
China Buses	15 1/4	...	...	...	...	...	...
S'hai Trams	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S'hai Trams (Pref.)	20 1/4	...	...	...	...	...	...
INDUSTRIALS.							
China Sugars	...	...	...	95 cts.	\$25	73.60-0.50	In liquidation
Malayan Sugars	...	...	...	27	\$30	30-17	3 Int. 1928
Cald. Macg. Ord.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canton Ice	10	...	...	...	\$10	4 1/4-3 1/4	0.90 Int. 1925
Cement (comb.)	...	...	11 1/4	...	\$8 1/4	12.85-7.70	0.80 Int. 1925
(old)	...	...	...	...	\$7 1/4	8.10-6 1/4	0.10 Int. 1925
(new)	2.40	...	...	...	\$1	2.40-0.80	0.10 Int. 1925
H. K. Ropes	8.80	...	8.85/9	...	\$10	6.70-6 1/4	1.25 Int. 1924
United Asbestos	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
STORES, &c.							
Dairy Farms	21 1/4	...	21 1/4	...	\$7 1/4	21 1/4-15 1/4	1.25 Int. 1928
Watsons	11 1/4	...	...	...	\$10	15-11 1/4	0.80 Int. 1928
Der A Wings	...	...	...	80 cts.	...	...	...
Lane Crawford	1 1/4	...	...	...	\$5	4-1 1/4	0.30 Int. 1928
Mackintosh	18	...	...	...	\$10	12-7 1/2	10 1/2 Int. 1928
Sincere	...	...	...	12	\$1	5 1/4-1 1/4	0.25 Int. 1929
Win. Powell	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MISCELLANEOUS.							
H. K. Amusements	...	30	...	...	\$10	31 1/4-22	2.50 Int. 1929
H. K. Constructions	...	1.10	1.15	...	\$10	1.10-1 1/4	1.50 Int. 1929
B. Ind. G. S. Bonds	...	...	...	6 1/4 %	...	...	...
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VERDUN HERO

LIEUT. COLONEL DE FONT-
REAU'S EXPLOITS

France has just lost one of the heroes of Verdun by the death of Lieut. Colonel de Font-Reau. This officer, who for the last three and a half years has patiently suffered the pangs of a malady which he knew must kill him, has inspired more than one story and picture of the great Verdun struggle.

On February 28, 1916, the German heavy artillery plastered the French line with shells, and ploughed up the whole ground so that shell-holes were nowhere more than 2 1/2 yards apart. Under this insupportable bombardment the French troops "crawled" back gradually from the front line, without, however, actually abandoning the position.

De Font-Reau, then a major, seized a spare rifle and, walking calmly over No Man's Land through a storm of fire, reached the sheltered position which his men had taken up. With his rifle slung on his shoulder he called out: "Debout, mes enfants" (Up, my lads!). He then made them "number" as though on a peaceful parade ground before giving the order to advance. Then in a column of fours, they marched straight back through a hurricane of shrapnel and machine-gun fire to their old firing line, their rifles at the slope, and their commander, also carrying a rifle, at their head. He saved the French line at this point.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank wire	1/9
Bank on demand	1/9 1/16
Bank 30 days sight	—
Bank 4 months sight	1/9 1/4
Credits 4 months sight	1/10
Documentary 4 months sight	1/10 1/2
On Paris—	
On demand	108 7/8
Credits 4 months sight	116 2/4
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	42 1/2
Credits 60 days sight	44 1/4
On Bombay—	
Wire	117 1/4
On demand	117 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	117 1/4
On demand	117 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	75 1/4
On Manila—	
On demand	85 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	77 1/4
30 day sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	88 1/4
Gold Loan 100 cts (par fund)	—
Sovereigns (Bank) buying rate	10.95
Silver (par cts)	23
Silver (par Hong)	23
Gold	Par

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Amsterdam	12.09 ³ / ₈
Milan	33.015
Berlin	20.405
Stockholm	18.185
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.21
Vienna	34.63
Prague	164 ¹ / ₄
Helsingfors	182 ¹ / ₂
Madrid	93.16
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	57 ¹ / ₂
Buenos Aires	47 31/32
Bombay	1/5 27/32
Shanghai	2/8 1/4
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Sport Columns

CHESS CLUB

SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK REPORTED

ANNUAL MEETING TO-DAY

The annual general meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held this evening at 5.30 o'clock at the Central British School, when the following report will be presented:—

The Club premises at the Central British School were opened on every Tuesday and Friday afternoon and members attended in large numbers, although there is still ample accommodation for more enthusiasts.

Immediately the activities were resumed in October last arrangements were made by the committee to carry out the annual championship tournaments.

There was a slight alteration in the arrangements of previous years the Club event being held before the more important competition.

The committee considered that members of the Club should be given an opportunity of as much match practice as possible before competing for the Colony's Championship.

Presidents Cup

The entries for the President's Cup showed an increase over last year's figures, six members participating as against only three in 1927-1928.

Mr. H. W. Randall is to be congratulated on becoming the holder of the Cup for the present year, wrestling the trophy from Mr. C. M. Sequeira by a margin of one point.

The standings of the players at the close of the competition were:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
H. W. Randall	10	8	1	1 8 1/2
C. M. Sequeira	10	7	1	2 7 1/2
S. G. Hayes	10	5	3	2 6 1/2
D. E. Carvalho	10	4	1	5 4 1/2
B. Soltau	10	2	0	8
J. S. Smith	10	1	0	9

The previous winners in this tournament have been as follows:—

Winner	Runner-up
1926 D. E. Carvalho	H. W. Randall
1927 D. E. Carvalho	S. G. Hayes
1928 C. M. Sequeira	S. G. Hayes

Championship Results

The Colony's Championship attracted nine entries as against twelve the previous year.

Most of the more noted players of the Colony were included in the competition and a series of very interesting games was played.

Mr. S. G. Hayes qualified for the title, winning by a margin of one point, over Mr. Randall who took second prize and is to be congratulated on his success.

The final result of the tournament was as follows:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
S. G. Hayes	8	7	0	1 7
H. W. Randall	8	6	0	2 6
C. M. Sequeira	8	5	0	3 5
O. Hassan	5	4	0	4 4
Sir Henry Pollock	4	4	0	4 4
J. S. Smith	4	4	0	4 4
D. E. Carvalho	3	0	5	3
N. I. Brewer	2	0	6	2
A. E. Milne	1	0	7	1

The previous winners in the tournament for the "South China Morning Post" Cup were:—

Winner	Runner-up
1926 C. M. Sequeira	S. G. Hayes
1927 C. M. Sequeira	S. G. Hayes
1928 Sir H. Pollock	C. M. Sequeira

Finance Satisfactory

For the past two years the Club has been in a strong financial position so much so that last year it was possible to award better and more expensive cups to the winners of the tournaments.

As can be seen from the statement of accounts we have a very satisfactory balance in hand.

Inter-Club Matches. — During the past season several matches were arranged with other Clubs, our members suffering one defeat in the four matches that were played.

Our conquerors were the German Club who won by four points to two in January last.

However, we had our revenge in two subsequent meetings, the first of these resulting in a victory for us by five points to one and the second by six clear points.

Earlier in the season we entertained a team from H.M.S. "Hermes" and won by one point.

The Club has been in touch with the Shanghai Chess Club and the Tientsin Chess Club throughout the year and both institutions extend to any of our members who might visit either port an invitation to make use of their premises.

RACING

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

LIST OF HANDICAPS

The following are the handicaps for the seventh extra race meeting on October 28:—

Bonham Handicap "A" Class—One Mile

	lb.
City Hall	152
Duke of Chantilly	150
Fifty Fifty	148
Hawatha	165
Huntington	147
Monterey Bay	150
O-Moon	150
Our Prince	151
Triumphant Stag	150
Young Pretender	157
Winsome Stag	168
Glorious Stag	145
Chesapeake Bay	173

Bonham Handicap "B" Class—One Mile

	lb.
Buster	165
Little Thunder	160
Samaritan	155
Ace of Spade	154
Cream Cracker	153
Delaware Bay	152
Duke of Melrose	160
Erin's Isle	155
Erstwhile	140
Glory	149
King's Falloch	151
Loch Aish	157
Loch Elvie	143
Monk	146
Mount Elburz	152
Neukhall	148
Flying Stag	142
Skinfaxi	152
Sunning	150
The Ape	160
The Jamaica	144
Thunderbolt	157
Nara Stag	152
Tarmacadam	154

Bonham Handicap "C" Class—3/4 Mile

	lb.
Aristophanes	160
Amusement Tax	144
Armony	154
As You Like It	159
Desert Wind	150
Duke of Milan	159
Duke of Niebling	150
Duke of Normandy II	158
Fair Eyes	144
False Alarm	148
Fanling Stag	155
Inca	148
Sunshine	160
Szatmar	160
The Jungle Book	144
The Parmigan	147
Zephyr	165
Dark Eyes	148
Papaya	153
Tartar	155

Bonham Handicap "D" Class—3/4 Mile

	lb.
Kom Tong Hall	162
Half Pint	145
Kum On	150
Mountain Air	159
Ploughman	146
Plumpkin	145
Siang River	142
Sopron	149
Sunloch	147
Sunny Day	158
White Jade	140
Ullawater	150
Cavalier	162

Caine Handicap "A" Class—1 1/4 Miles

	lb.
City Hall	152
Huntington	147
Duke of Chantilly	150
Winsome Stag	168
Monterey Bay	150
One Third	163
Our Prince	151
Fifty Fifty	148
Chesapeake Bay	173
O-Moon	150
Triumphant Stag	150
Hawatha	165
Young Pretender	157

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FOOTBALL GOSSIP

A FULL PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

[By "Roamer"]

Another full programme of League matches has been arranged for tomorrow, and with weather conditions showing a perceptible improvement over the two previous Saturdays some entertaining contests should ensue. The arrangements for the Police versus Somerset Light Infantry match have undergone a last minute alteration. The Stadium will now be the scene of this struggle and not the St. Joseph's ground, as announced by yesterday's morning papers. This match will probably be the chief draw of the afternoon for although the Police failed in the only match they have played so far, I cannot think the game was a true reflection of their form. The Somersets have a good record so far but they will have to go all out. I expect them to win by a quite narrow margin. Another fine game will be played at Caroline Hill between Hong Kong Club and the Navy. After their plucky performance of last week the former will take the field with confidence and will occasion no great surprise if they collect both points.

Kowloon at Home

Kowloon are at home to South China, another team who have so far only played one match. They were good enough to account for R.A., however, last week and will probably run the peninsula team very close. The Borderers play Club de Recreo on the Sookumpoo enclosure, and although not very impressive in Wednesday's game I expect them to win for Recreo are anything but a strong combination at present. A Gossard's absence from the side being very much felt. The other senior match is between St. Joseph's and Chinese Athletic on the Hong Kong P.C. ground. Although the latter are not producing last season's form up to the present they will probably be too good for their opponents who at present occupy an unenviable position at the bottom of League table.

Junior Division

In the Junior Division the Borderers hold a lead of two points as the result of a narrow win over the Navy on Wednesday. They are playing Hong Kong Club Reserve to-morrow and will confidently be expected to maintain their unbeaten record. Two other clubs who have yet to yield a point are Chinese "A" and South China "A."

They are meeting the Somersets and Club de Recreo, respectively, and in each case a very keen struggle should result. Of the other games the R.A.M.C. will probably record their initial win of the season at the expense of Eastern, whilst the Navy should be successful against South China "B," their superior weight being a likely deciding factor. Other teams with good prospects are Chinese "B" and Kowloon, who are at home to R.A. and Ewo, respectively.

Fixtures at a Glance

A complete list of fixtures is appended:— (Kick off 4.30 p.m.)

Police v. Somerset Light Infantry, the Stadium.

K.O.S.B. v. Club de Recreo, Sookumpoo.

Royal Navy v. Hong Kong F.C., Caroline Hill.

Kowloon v. South China, Kowloon.

St. Joseph's v. Chinese Athletic, Hong Kong F.C.

(Kick off 3 p.m.)

K.O.S.B. v. Hong Kong F.C., Sookumpoo.

South China "B" v. R. Navy, Caroline Hill.

South China "A" v. Club de Recreo, Hong Kong F.C.

Kowloon v. Ewo, Kowloon.

Eastern v. R.A.M.C., Athletic, Happy Valley.

St. Joseph's v. University, St. Joseph's.

Somerset Light Infantry v. Athletic "A," Chatham Road.

Athletic "B" v. R.A., the Stadium.

Caine Handicap "B" Class—1 1/4 Miles

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Zephyr	142
Erstwhile	140
Skinfaxi	152
Neukhall	148
Loch Aish	157
Loch Elvie	143
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Nara Stag	152
Erin's Isle	155
Monk	146
Szatmar	140
As You Like It	140
Samaritan	155
Buster	165
Little Thunder	160
Delaware Bay	152
King's Falloch	151

HOME FOOTBALL

MID-WEEK MATCH IN DIVISION I.

LEICESTER v. BIRMINGHAM

London, Yesterday.

In Division I. of the Football League to-day, Birmingham visited Leicester and the home team won by the odd goal in three.—Reuter.

The table now reads as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Leeds	10	7	2	1	10	11	15
Wednesday	9	5	2	2	10	11	12
Arsenal	10	5	2	3	22	15	12
M'chester C.	9	5	2	2	22	15	12
Leicester	10	5	2	3	20	15	12
Darby	10	5	2	3	18	15	12
Grimsby	10	4	3	3	21	19	11
Sheffield U.	10	4	3	3	20	19	11
Aston Villa	10	5	1	4	22	23	11
Middlesbro'	10	4	2	4	23	18	10
Birmingham	10	4	2	4	25	21	10
West Ham	10	4	2	4	23	20	10
Blackburn	10	3	4	3	21	20	10
Newcastle	10	5	0	5	22	25	10
Huddersfield	10	4	2	4	17	21	10
Liverpool	10	4	2	4	13	17	10
Everton	11	2	5	4	21	21	9
Bolton	10	3	2	5	15	17	8
Burney	10	3	2	5	17	23	8
M'chester U.	10	3	0	7	14	28	6
Sunderland	9	1	3	5	11	18	5
Portsmouth	10	0	4	6	9	23	4

INTERPORT POLO

SHANGHAI AMERICANS LOSE TO PEKING

Peking, Yesterday.

In an Interport Polo game Peking beat Shanghai Americans by 11 goals to 2.

In spite of superior mounts Shanghai were completely outplayed, the score being a fair reflex of the game. Scorers were Rodger 2 for Shanghai, and for Peking Wyman 4, Ferguson 3, Teichman 3, and Andrews one.

Tientsin having recently beaten Peking are champions. Shanghai are playing a return game against Tientsin on Monday en route home.—Reuter.

COCKET DEFEATED

DAVIS CUP PLAYERS LOSE TO JAPAN

HARADA'S SUCCESS

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The two famous French Davis Cup players, Cocket and Brugnon, who form part of the French team at present visiting Japan, both suffered defeat this afternoon at the hands of Japanese champions.

Cocket, playing the Japanese Davis Cup player Harada, was defeated 6-3, 6-2, while Jiro Sato, a promising young Waseda undergraduate, beat Brugnon 9-7, 4-6, 11-9.—Reuter.

HOCKEY

K.B.S.F.P.A. TO PLAY KOWLOON INDIANS

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association in a hockey match against the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club, on the former's ground at King's Park to-day (Bully off 5.15 sharp):—

L. G. Gregory, O. Butler, S. MacNider, H. O. Davies, C. C. Francis, J. King, E. MacNider, H. Gregory, Skipp, D. Hynes, and M. Weill.

NOTES ON SPORT

A Rugby match will be played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, between the Somerset Light Infantry and H.M.S. "Borwick."

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Boxing Association will take place in the Board Room, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., to-day at 5.30 p.m.

A Hong Kong Ladies' inter-club match—Colours v. Whites—will take place at King's Park on Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.

The teams are as follows:—
Whites: M. King, E. Taylor, F. Cousins, F. Webber, E. B. Bell, E. J. Coppin, M. Hansen, C. C. Francis, J. King, E. MacNider, H. Gregory, Skipp, D. Hynes, and M. Weill.
Colours: C. E. Little, E. Gray, M. Wallace, E. O'Hagan, D. Robertson, M. Bird, L. C. Bell, J. L. Whyte, M. Russell, E. Blackburn, A. T. Cressley.

BRITISH BOXERS

LOSE TWO AND WIN ONE AT ALBERT HALL

FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

London, Last Night.

Three international boxing bouts were decided in the Albert Hall in which Britons lost two and won one. One of the fights was for a world championship and Britain's representative in this was defeated.

There was an eight round heavyweight contest, in which Jack Stanley, of Deptford, met Primo Carnera, of Italy. The referee stopped the match in the first round and awarded the victory to the Italian.

Then there was a 15 rounds contest for the world's flyweight championship. Frankie Genaro, the holder, who had been induced to come over from America, beat Ernie Jarvis (Britain) on points.

Johnny Cuthbert, of London, won for Britain. He was in a 12 rounds contest with Edouard Mascart, of France, at the featherweight limit. Cuthbert won, on points.—Reuter.

GOLF

STARTING TIMES AT SHEK-O

The starting times for the championships at Shek-O on Sunday are:—
Scott and Blake 10.00 a.m.
Harrison and Davidson 10.06 "
Bennett and Green-Smith 10.12 "
Tod and Lennox 10.18 "
Hancock and Beavis 10.24 "
Shenton and Tinson 10.30 "
Pearce and Coxon 10.36 "
Towns and Roberts 10.42 "
MacEachran and Sandes 10.48 "
Sturt and Brown 10.54 "
Maas and Whittall 11.00 "
Johnson and Hegarty 11.06 "

LAWN BOWLS

FIFTY YEARS ON THE PUBLIC GREENS

The year 1879 saw the institution of the Meadow Club, Edinburgh. It was formed by a number of players who came from the first green which was laid at the base of the Scott Monument, in East Princes Street Gardens. Among its earliest members were well-known bowlers who have now passed away, including J. Forman, of the Edinburgh Club; J. Oliver and James Clark, of the West End Club; G. Ormiston who played continuously with the old club, and who was at the laying down of the city's early greens; and a number of others.

There being no League in these days, the private green clubs came to their assistance, and excursions were made into the country and also to Fife. The attendants at the 1886 Exhibition in the Meadows found the bowling green a place for relaxation, and some good games were played between them and the club. As each succeeding green was laid the Meadow Club was always out with an offer of a match.

The Edinburgh and Leith Public Greens' Association was formed in 1891, and the club joined straight away.

In 1915 and 1917, W. Law (now the Braid Club) brought the single-handed championship to the club, and now in the jubilee year they possess a contender in the final tie in W. Thompson, champion of the club for the past two seasons, and who is in the final of the Sir Samuel Chapman Trophy, open to the champions on the green.

He was unsuccessful against J. McLaren, of the St. James, but the game must be put down as one of the most interesting of the series, especially considering the elements the players had to contend against. The final was witnessed by a large crowd, who were unstinted in their praise of the many good shots that were played.

The veterans of the club are G. Peddie and T. Johnston, who have 44 and 40 years' continuous membership respectively.

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Danish King's Birthday Anniversary



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Won National Mixed Doubles



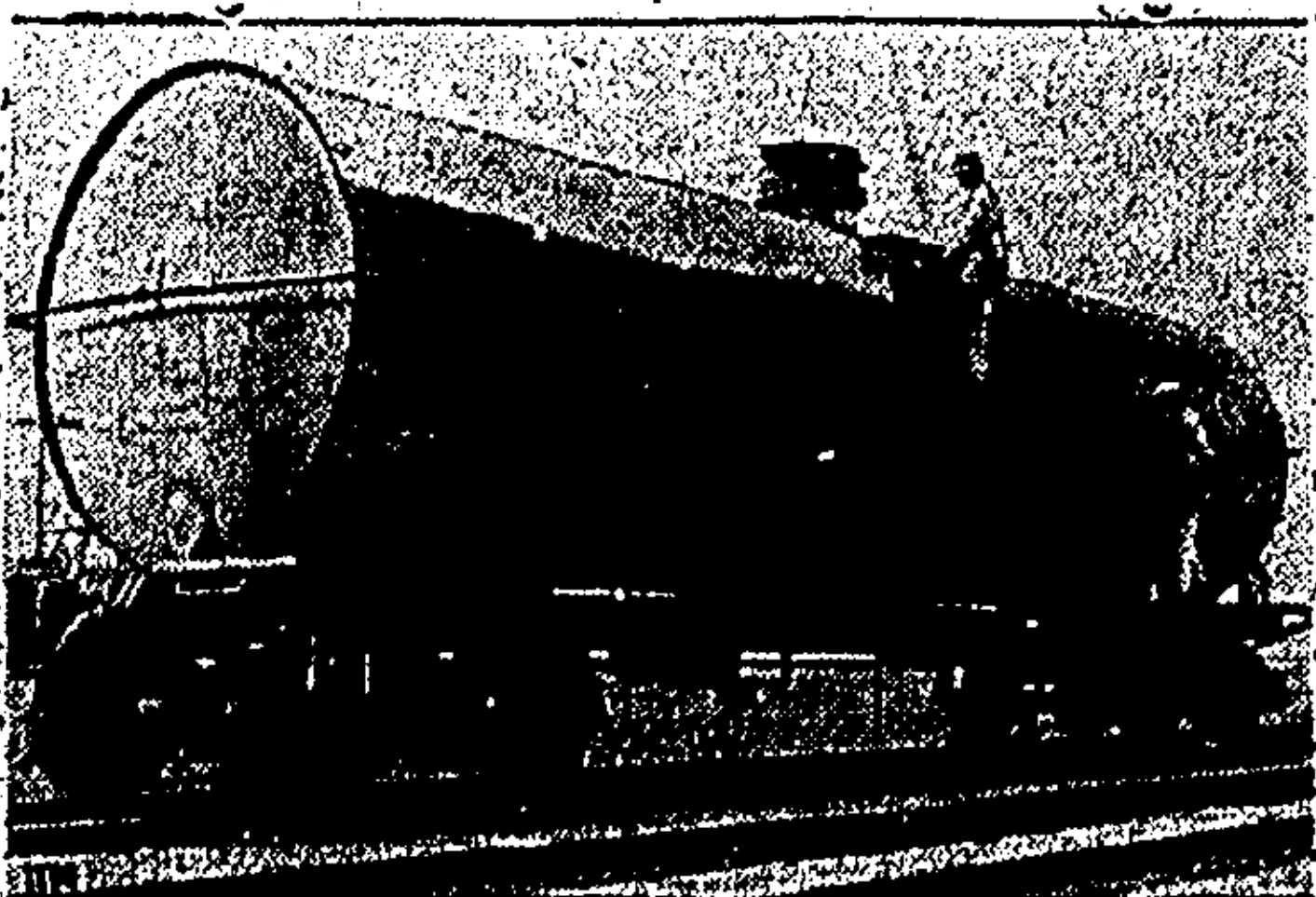
Miss Betty Nuthall of Britain and George M. Lott of America were the winners in the U.S. National mixed doubles played on the Longwood courts at Brookline, Mass. Betty Nuthall's smashing attack was mainly responsible for the victory.

Mrs. "Lindy" Takes to the Air



First photograph taken of Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, wife of the famous "Flying Colonel," as she completed her first solo flight recently.

Furnished Fuel for Zeppelin



The tank seen above contained 800,000 cubic feet of gas for use by the "Graf Zeppelin" when she landed at Mines Field, Los Angeles, California, on the last day of her round the world flight, ending at Lakehurst.

Refugees Shelter in Haifa



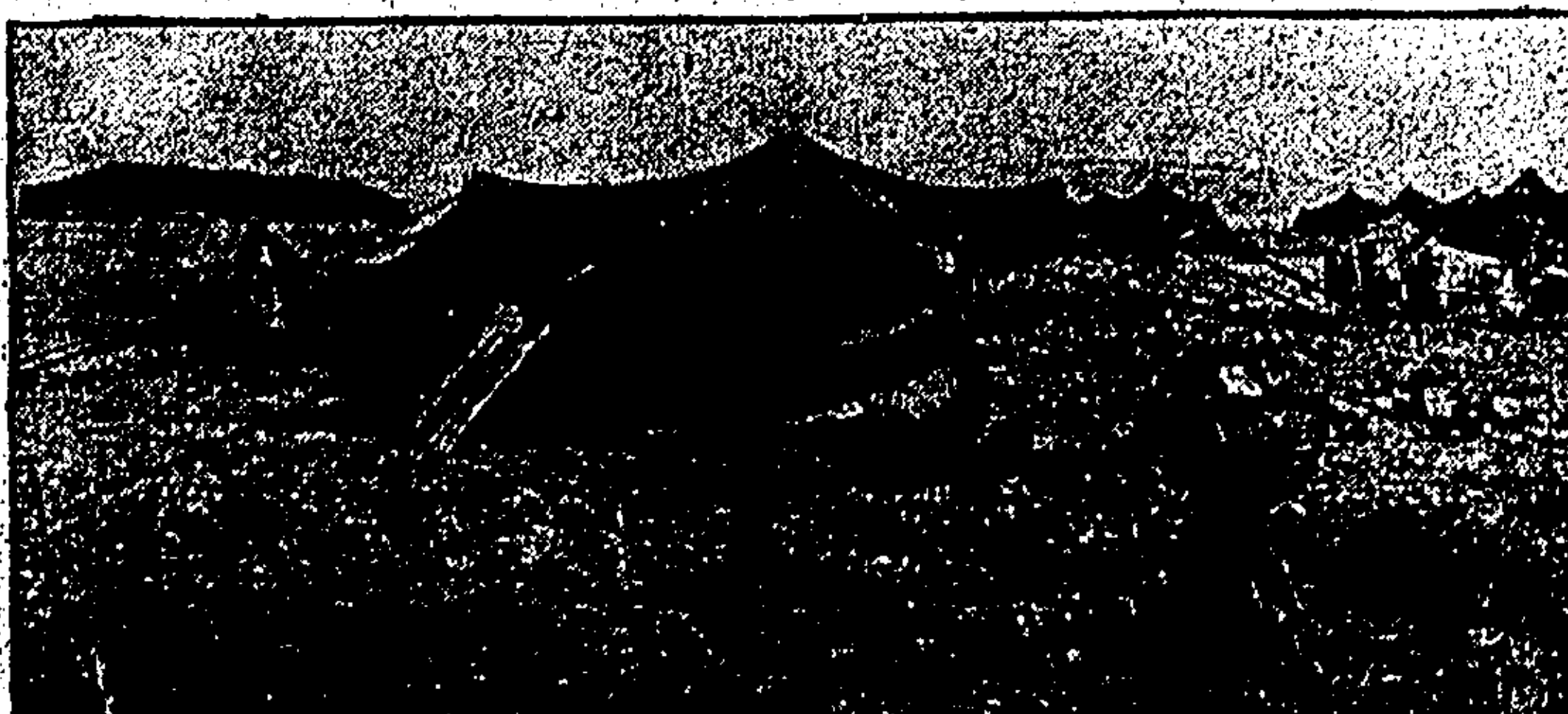
Many refugee families from the town of Safed, in Palestine, escaped Arab outrages by fleeing to Haifa where other Moslem attacks have been successfully repulsed by the inhabitants. British troops subsequently patrolled this area.

Where Arabs Attacked Greek Settlement



Twenty persons were reported killed and many injured when raiding Arabs attacked the Greek Orthodox Christian Settlement at Beisan, during the recent uprising in Palestine. View above shows the excavations of the University of Pennsylvania's expedition at Beisan taken before the trouble started.

Arabs Attack on British at Tiberias



Heavy fighting between British troops and Bedouin tribesmen was reported on the plains of Tiberias, along the Sea of Galilee. Above is a typical Arab encampment on the outskirts of Tiberias, before hostilities opened.

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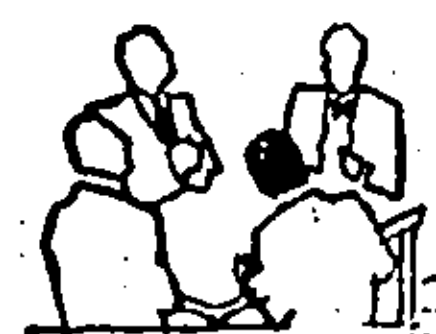
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Tie.

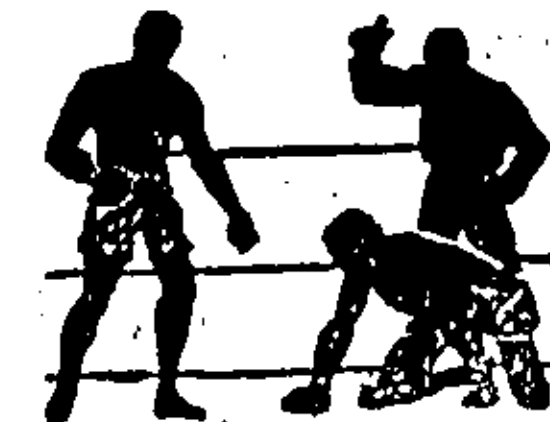


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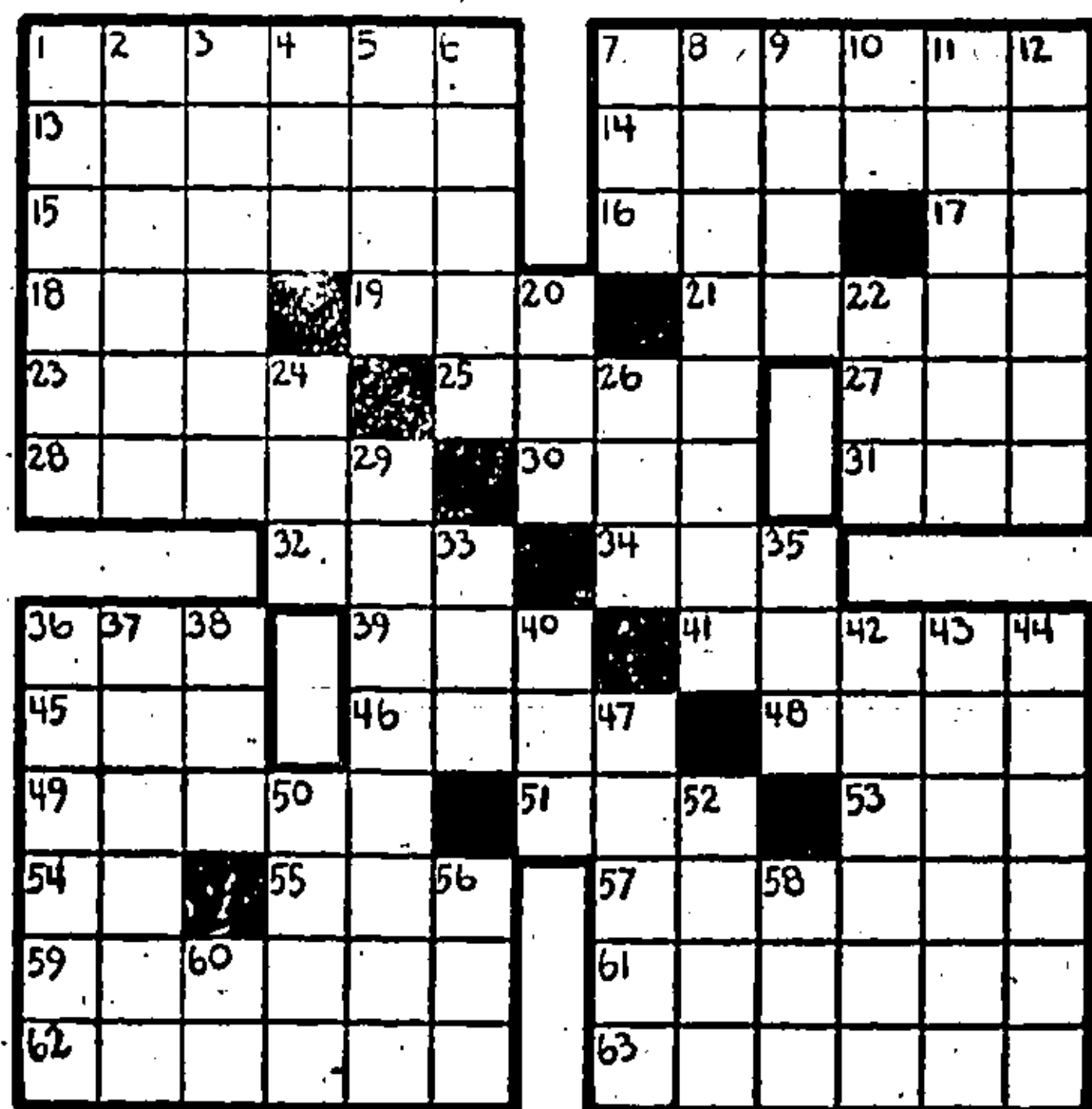
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Tried hard | 48-The following one | 11-A variegated quartz |
| 7-Head pieces | 49-Place | (pl.) |
| 13-Buys and sells | 51-Evil | 12-Feels |
| 14-Hire | 53-Mineral spring | 20-Church seat |
| 16-Black bird (pl.) | 54-Toward | 22-Girl's name |
| 18-Cannibal | 55-Girl's name | 24-Decade |
| 17-Article | 57-Landlord | 26-Make public |
| 18-Cool | 59-Escaped | 28-Fixed in numerical |
| 19-Faucet | 61-Motor | order |
| 21-Publishes | 62-Made over | 33-Golf term |
| 23-Now hide | 63-Fast horses | 35-Kitchen utensil |
| 25-Period of time | | 36-A chick beetle |
| 27-Scottish river | | 37-Take away |
| 28-German city | | 38-A African animal |
| 30-Triumph | | 40-Arrest (slang) |
| 31-Beast of burden | | 42-Girl's name |
| 32-Tree fruit | | 43-Pay out |
| 34-Fabric | | 44-Gazes at |
| 36-Electrical unit of | | 47-Stories |
| work | | 50-Beverage |
| 38-Adults | | 52-Slight cavity |
| 41-Tropical fruit (pl.) | | 55-Suffix. Relating to |
| 42-Man's nickname | | 56-Grow old |
| 43-Whip | | 58-Exile |
| | | |

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SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:-

Island	Feet
Victoria Peak	1822
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Harbourside)	297

Behind the Scenes
in Hollywood

[By Dorothy Herzog]

Olive Borden has cleared her last debt. Two years ago when this girl suddenly left Fox because of a difference of opinion concerning \$1,750 and \$2,000 a week, she found herself with a half interest in a \$65,000 Beverly Hills home, four servants, much expensive furniture, etc. She sold the furniture, moved into a simple flat furnished a la futuristic and did everything herself but wash the dishes. Then she traded the house for a business building. She paid the last penny on that. "I haven't a cent in the bank but I'm square with the world," she told me. But she'll have a bank balance when she starts "Dance Hall," in which she will be featured with Arthur Lake by R. K. O. at two thousand per week, too.

WHAT A PICTURE

If the Golden State Limited is late in arriving in Chicago they may collect extra fare from Irene Bordon. She only held up the train ten minutes. All because of a stranger who spoke her lingo, the French language.

The platform was packed - cameramen, publicity squibblers



Irene Bordon

from First National, etc. The train left at 6.05. At 6.03 a publicity boy found her in the baggage room counting the trunks to see that none of the 23 was missing. As he grabbed her arm, a man spoke in French. She turned, grabbed his arm and started away chatting. The boy was frantic but had sense enough to rush to the train officials. Ten minutes later she came up panting. They shoved her aboard - "Hey, Miss Bordon, wait a moment. I want to get a picture."

The conductor didn't understand about cameramen and gave the signal and carried the first star out.

of Hollywood, I'll wager, without a good-bye publicity picture. But he got a photograph of the empty train steps and they're going to superimpose the Bordon!

LON CHANEY

Lon Chaney sneaked into town from Sobada Hot Springs, where he's been sun-bathing, and went to



Lawrence Tibbett

a hospital to have his tonsils removed. The little hospital birds, which fly in and out open windows to tell secrets, say he had a tough time, but is now doing splendidly. Lon didn't want the world to know anything about it. He hates sympathy. No flowers; no telephone calls; no condolences are his orders. He expects to be out of the home of fumigation in five days and back at the studio in a couple of weeks. His next will probably be "Two Officers," a tale of India, where he will use his own face instead of one of the 999 others. Here's wishing him a speeded get-up and get-out and a swell picture.

RUNNING UP ON MARION DAVIES

I've been traipsing around the Metro lot most of the day. Tried to get away from the Lawrence Tibbett set but just kept being magnetized back there. He was singing. The extras were sneaking over from other sets to hear him. Ten dollars in New York, nothing in Hollywood if you're a favourite with the gate-man. What a hand they gave him, and they seldom give hands in this city. I tell you that set has crept up to second place in popularity. Next to Marion Davies.

In between songs they were telling stories 'bout him. For instance: He met Mike Newman, the showman who gave him his first public chance to warble at Grauman's old Million Dollar Theatre.

"He'll, Mike. You owe me some money."

"How's that?"
"You've been telling everybody you meet you paid me fifteen dollars for every time I sang for you. It was only ten. Hand over the balance."

WHICH WIFE WAS IT?

They tell this one, on Willard Mack who produces and writes and supervises and does all the high-brow things a fellow can do for Metro.

He came home late one night. Very late.



"Bull" Mack, known as one of the best men in the movie, may have knocked out a score of tough customers during his movie and ring career. Danny Cupid, however, knocked "Bull" for a row of tempins when he introduced him to Mary Poulson. They walked right out to the licence bureau in Los Angeles and let the Justice of the Peace count on any time.

"Where have you been?" demand of the misus.

"Out celebrating one of my wedding anniversaries," Mack answered.

They don't tell which one, however. Perhaps it was Maude Leone, number one or Marjorie Rambeau, number two, or Pauline Frederick, number three. It couldn't have been Beatrice Bannard, the present incumbent, we take it.

Which reminds us that Mack was a good friend of Nat Goodwin's who went seven times to the altar until Allan Dale, critic, complained because Nat didn't invite him to one of his wedding's.

ALL NIGHT LONG

Sharon Lynn has just sold a new song "All Night Long." She did both the music and lyrics. It's the first she's done since she went into pictures. "Monte Carlo Moon" made her a neat sum back a few years.

Do you suppose this will establish a precedent. Are the stars going to do their own churning? Theme songs written by those for those who sing them?

BRITISH OPINIONS

I traipsed onto the Corinne Griffith set this morning to check up on how the "Lilies of the Field" were totting. I ran into two Britons, Ralph Forbes and John Loder, taking time off to discuss prohibition in America.

"Now what do you really think, John?" Ralph demanded.
"I think it's a hooch success," John answered.

COLLEEN MOORE

Is Colleen Moore going with R. K. O.? The grapevine telegraph lines tell me she is. Not a surprise, if true, since R. K. O. has already established themselves as Hollywood's blotting pad for other companies' spilled celebrities. Bebe Daniels, Richard Dix, Sally Blane, etc. I chanced to see "Rio Rita." Bebe broke not only her own record but the records established by certain recent Broadway importations. And since, 'tis said, her contract brings her a nice chunk of the profits, she's in a fair way to extend or real estate operations. Little Sally Blane is also battling far above her previous average. Yep, I, too, read detective stories. If they find Colleen has a voice, methinks she may have a chance to better that somewhere-around-the-\$12,000 a week figure.

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INWARD MAILES.

From	Per
Shanghai and Swatow	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19.
Manila	SUNDAY OCTOBER 20.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, Sept. 20), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	MONDAY, OCTOBER 21.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, Sept. 27), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Harrison
U.S.A. (Seattle, Sept. 21), Canada, Japan & Shanghai	President Madison
Salon	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, Sept. 19)	Portos
Canada (Victoria, B.C., October 3), U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Celebes Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia
Japan and Shanghai	Aki Maru
Japan and Shanghai	General Metzinger
U.S.A. (San Francisco, Sept. 25), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Hakata Maru
	Tenyo Maru

OUTWARD MAILES.

For	Per	Time
Formosa	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.	
Salon	Kine Maru	3.30 p.m.
Japan and Europe via Siberia	Clara Jensen	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Wakasa Maru	3.30 p.m.
Tourane	Kongso	4 p.m.
Shanghai	Chungkong	5 p.m.
	Teneriffa	
	Registration	Oct. 18, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Oct. 18, 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kamo Maru (Due Marseilles, Nov. 17).	
	G.P.O.	
Registration	Oct. 18, 4.30 p.m.	
Letters	Oct. 19, 9 a.m.	
	Oct. 19, 9.30 a.m.	
Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Fulda	10 a.m.
Shanghai	Shantung	10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tikarang	10.30 a.m.
Hatthong	G.G. Paul Doumer	10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Shunko Maru	3.30 p.m.
Japan	Bencleuch	5 p.m.
Amoy	Luchow	3.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hosan Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai via Swatow	Kiangsu	9 a.m.

END OF TROUBLE

FLIGHT OF THE GENERALS
QUIETENS KWANGSI

"IRONSIDE" RUMOURS

Canton, Yesterday.
Owing to the flight of the ex-generals Yu Chok-pak and Li Ming-shui, the trouble in Kwangsi is drawing to an end. According to well-informed official circles, it is not thought that the Ironsides will make any serious advance into Kwangsi, seeing that they can expect no substantial help from the Kwangsi rebels, but that it is likely that they will turn back and march towards Hankow to co-operate with the Kuomintang, now reported to be heading for that port.

Possibly in anticipation of this movement of the Ironsides, it is now reported that General Chu Shao-liang, of the 6th Route Army, has received instructions from the Central Government to concentrate his three divisions at Shikwan, to which he will proceed on the 18th or 19th. A military conference will be called at Shikwan, after which General Chu will direct his armies to enter Hunan and attack the Ironsides. — Canton News Agency.

SHARE MARKET

In response to a popular request Billy Bull will resume his series of interesting letters to Alky in next Saturday's "China Mail."

His next letter promises to be of absorbing interest to all interested in shares who are advised to secure a copy of next Saturday's "China Mail" early to avoid disappointment.

STUDENT DIES

RAMIFICATIONS OF SERBIAN
SECRET SOCIETY

POLITICAL OUTRAGES

Belgrade, Yesterday.
Vladimir Gortan, the Italian-Slovene student, was shot this morning.

In the course of his trial evidence was given that firing on the voters was inspired by a Serbian secret society "Orjuna," which is alleged to be responsible for many political outrages before the war, especially against Austria, culminating in the assassination of Archduke Franz-Ferdinand at Sarajevo. — Reuter.

WORLD RECORD

CREATED BY GERMAN AT
JAPANESE MEETING

WOMEN'S FINE WIN

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Herr Eldacher participating in the German-Japanese meeting at Seoul created a new world record for the 100 metres of 10.3 seconds, while Miss Kinue Hitomi established a world record for the women's 100 metres of 12 seconds. — Reuter.

Mrs. Huang Han-liang has been elected president of the Chinese Women's Association and Mesdames Mei Hwa-chuan and Hsiao Pan, vice-presidents. Mrs. Wang Tai-jen has been made treasurer, and Miss Yang Ai-fang and Mrs. Kiang Yao-chang, English and Chinese secretaries, respectively.

"TALKIES" COMING TO HONG KONG

MAIL INTERVIEW

MACHINE TO BE INSTALLED
EARLY NEXT YEAR

MAJESTIC TO BE ENLARGED

In view of the advent of the "talkies" in Hong Kong, a representative of the "China Mail" interviewed Mr. T. K. Lam, House Manager, of the Majestic Theatre, this morning, and was told that the installation of the machine in the theatre would take place early next year, as part of the machines have already arrived from U.S.A., being ordered through the Odeon Theatre, Shanghai.

The first point the cinema has to consider, said Mr. Lam, is the seating facilities, which, will, it is expected be rearranged so as to meet with the talkies.

The operating room, or machine room, will be extended shortly as extra room will be required for the wires, which will connect with the amplifier on the stage, which will, also in the course of events, be extended and the cinema be made larger. The wires, which will be two in number, will be used for two purposes, namely, singing and talking, one for each.

Cost of \$40,000
Questioned by the "China Mail" representative, Mr. Lam replied that it all depended on the welcome the talkies received in Hong Kong at the Queen's Theatre (where it will be installed first), whether the Majestic Theatre would fix up theirs, at a cost of approximately \$40,000.

Regarding the audiences Mr. Lam said that 40 per cent. of the Majestic's were Chinese people while about 20 per cent were foreigners. Naturally, prices in all parts of the theatre would be raised so as to meet the expense involved by introducing the talkies.

Work has been proceeding at speed for the construction of a new sound room at the Queen's Theatre, where the talkie machine is to be installed.

A three sided brick wall projects out from the mechanical room, and occupies a space in that part of the cinema, commonly known as the "gods." Work is continued, we are informed, until late each night, and certainly if appearances are to be taken into account, it will soon be completed.

THE STARS

FIGURES THAT STAGGER
IMAGINATION

THE QUEST SOCIETY

Dr. H. Chatley in addressing the Quest Society at the first meeting of the season spoke on the subject of stellar distances. He explained how the distance of the Moon was found by simultaneous observations from different points on the Earth and how the strength of the sun-light reflected from the Moon enabled an approximate estimate of the distance of the Sun to be made. He then spoke of the known proportionate distances of the planets from the Sun and described how simultaneous observations of Mars, Venus and Eros, when nearest to the Earth, from different places on the Earth enabled the Sun's distance to be computed. The apparent immobility of the stars in spite of the Earth's huge annual swing of 200 million miles indicates their immense distance and he described how eventually the distances of the nearest stars were found by observation of the small annual displacements. The method of comparative "parallaxes" for near and distant stars and the method of deducing the orbits of double stars was then described and reference was made to the velocities in the lines of sight derived from the spectroscopic which when compared with the cosmic motions indicated roughly the distance of stars.

Until 1913 the only other available method of extending these results was by assuming that all stars resembled the Sun in light and dimensions. The nearest ones (five light years away or say 30 million million miles) do roughly compare to the Sun, but there is a lot of variation in individuals. Since 1913 new methods based on the study of the spectra of the stars have enabled fair estimates as to temperature, size and luminosity, to be made from which, together with the observed magnitudes, the distances can be computed. It has also been found possible actually to measure the diameters of a few stars. The regular variation in the light of certain pulsating stars called Cepheids has also enabled estimates to be made of the distances of very distant groups and nebulae.

30,000 Million Stars
It appears that the Sun is an average sized member of a group of some 30,000 million stars, of which the general agglomeration is seen in the "Milky Way." The remotest of these is about 100,000 light years away or say 600,000 million million miles. Spiral nebulae are probably similar large groups some ten or more times further away. The duration of a star is something of the nature of a million million years, so that the universe is on an absolutely prodigious scale in time and space. There are certain indications of limits but so remote that for practical purposes there is infinity of space and eternity of time.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG

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LOVE OF PEACE

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Chang Haueh-liang, replying to Sir Robert Ho Tung's message, says that now the reunification of the country has recently been accomplished, and the work of national reconstruction begun, a resumption of hostilities would lead to the ruin of the country.

He continues, "I can hardly give adequate expression to my profound appreciation of your ardent love of peace, which shows your far-sightedness and goodwill. If your idea is carried out, and all leaders should meet for the adjustment of their differences, the blessings thus conferred on the country will be unbounded.

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QUEEN MARIE

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REGARDING REGENCY

ENTIRELY APOCRYPHAL

Bucharest, Yesterday.
The statements cabled from Berlin allegedly by the Dowager Queen Marie in connection with the Regency dispute, are declared to be entirely apocryphal. Queen Marie gave no interview, and nobody connected with the Government made any proposal regarding the filling of the vacancy on the Regency Council. — Reuter.

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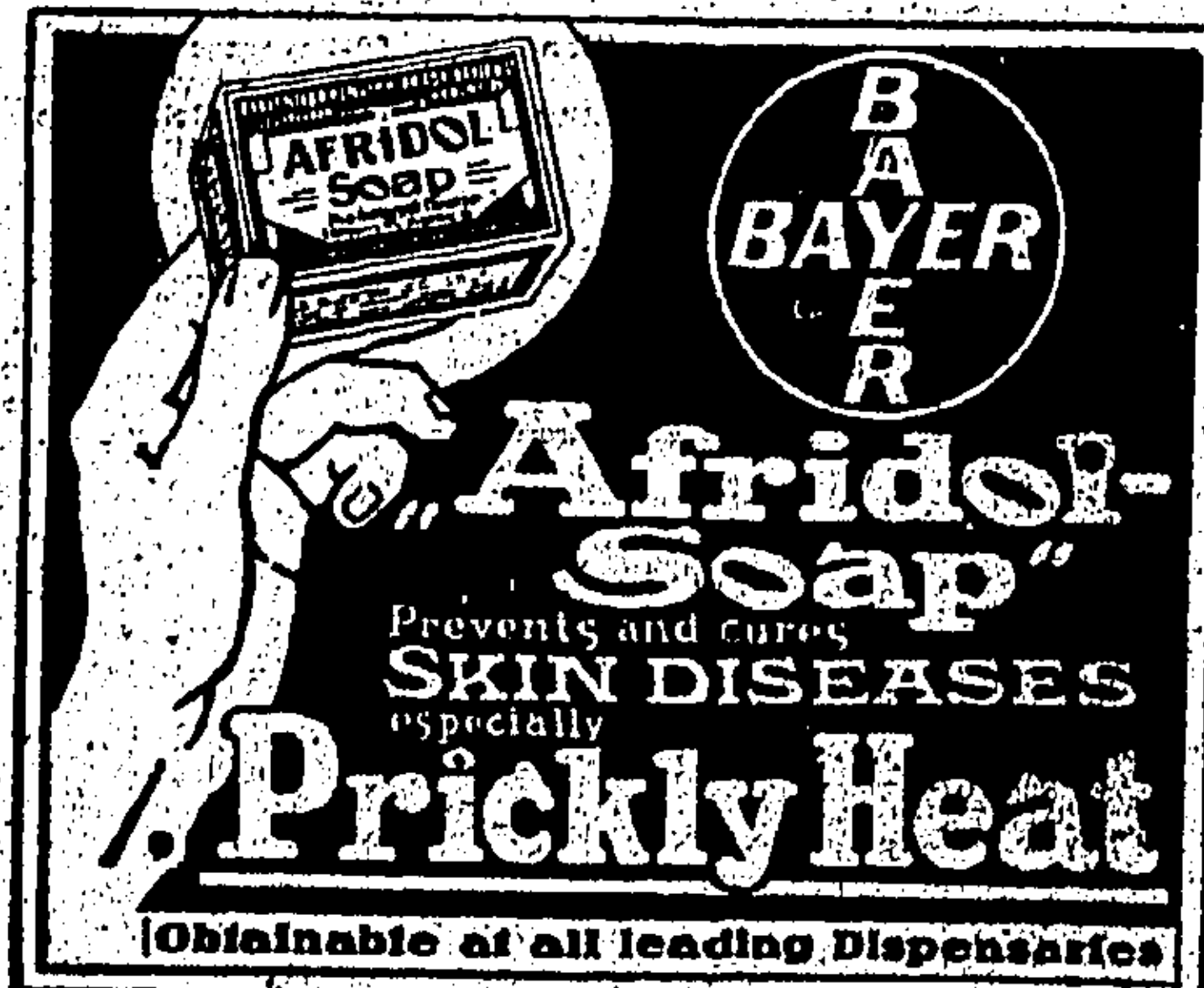
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